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BRITISH EXPORTS WARNING

London, May 10.
Two Government warnings of difficulties faced by the British export trade accompanied an announcement here today that exports during April were nine per cent higher than in March and 135 per cent above the 1938 figure.
Mr. H. A. Morgan, who gave this estimate of April exports said that despite this increase and "efforts unequalled by any other country in Western Europe," Britain's trading position was still extremely serious.
"We are faced with a curious paradox that a great deal of the extra effort we put into production in 1947 was wiped out by rises in prices of our imports," Mr. Morgan said.
Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, told a luncheon meeting at the British Industries Fair that Britain's biggest difficulty today was the problem of import restrictions imposed by foreign governments on British goods.
"Many manufacturers today could have far bigger orders if only buyers did not have to confess that their Government had imposed stringent restrictions on the importation of British goods," Mr. Wilson said.

Japanese Prelates For Lambeth

Tokyo, May 11.
Three Japanese episcopal bishops will enplane tomorrow for New York en route to London where they will be Japan's official prelates at the Lambeth Conference called each 10 years by the Archbishop of Canterbury.
The three are the Most Rev. Michael H. Yashiro, Primate of the Japanese Evangelical Church, the Rt. Rev. Timothy M. Makita, Bishop of Tokyo, and the Rt. Rev. Peter S. Yanagihara, Bishop of Osaka.
Gen. MacArthur and Emperor Hirohito and Empress Nagako received the Japanese delegates last week and each talked with them for about one hour.
The world conference begins in London early in July and will probably, through the first 10 days of August.

FAREWELL TO CONSUL GENERAL

Canton, May 11.
A farewell dinner was given last night for Mr. Ronald A. Hall, C.B.E., British Consul-General. He will leave here on May 13 for Hong Kong where he will stay until May 16 for England. It will be his first home leave since V-J Day.
Among other guests at the party were Mr. J. K. Blackwell, British Consul, Mr. John L. Murray, British Information Officer, Mr. C. R. Martin, Vice-Consul and many others.
Mayor An-yang Chu was host.

Rice Diet Blamed For Malnutrition

Washington, May 11.
Dr. W. R. Aykroyd, Director of Nutrition Division of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation, said today that the high percentage of rice in the diet of the peoples of South China, South Asia and India is directly responsible for the widespread malnutrition in those areas.

He told the fourth International Congress on Tropical Medicine and Malaria meeting here this week that while various new methods of preparing rice would remedy its vitamin deficiencies in some respects the basic trouble was that "whatever kind of rice is eaten typical rice diets are defective because they contain too much rice."
He said: "Greater consumption of food of animal origin—meat, eggs and fish would effectively improve nutrition in rice eating countries."
Dr. Aykroyd said rice eaters also should eat more pulses, beans, vegetables, fruits, roots and tubers, rice polishings, food yeast and coconuts.
"The nutritional campaign must be part of an energetic attack on poverty and ignorance which are the basic causes of malnutrition," he said. "Better nutrition means better health, better capacity to learn and better capacity for work."

Describing beri beri as one of the most common diseases in rice eating countries, Dr. Aykroyd said: "For example, 10,000 and 15,000 deaths from adult and infant beri beri respectively were reported in the Philippines in 1946."
He said investigations in Madras Presidency of India also showed "infant beri, beri much more common than formerly, had been supposed and responsible for high mortality among infants." United Press.

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RUSSIA BOOSTS HOPES "Ready To Cooperate With U.S."

Washington, May 11.
Moscow's response to a plain-spoken American bid for "decent and reasonable" relations with the Soviet Union gave a sudden boost today to hopes that the two Powers may be able to settle their quarrels.
The Soviet Union, Radio Moscow said, is ready to pursue a "policy of peace and co-operation with the United States."

Yangtze Gorge Survey

Nanking, May 11.
The Chinese Government is resuming surveying work on the Yangtze Gorges for the construction of one of the largest hydroelectric projects in the world, it is learned today.
The project, known as the Yangtze Valley authority, was suspended last year for lack of funds. The survey was resumed after part of the American loan has been tentatively earmarked for the project. The project, when completed, is expected to produce 10,000,000 kilowatts power and the irrigation of 3,000,000 acres of land.
Survey work, under the direction of Yang Kuang-chia, of the National Defence Ministry's survey department, is expected to be completed at the end of October this year. United Press.

"Menace" To National Security

Washington, May 11.
The House Un-American Activities Committee today called on the Justice Department to begin the immediate prosecution of the Communist Party as a "menace" to national security.
Charging that the Party advocates the "forceful and violent" overthrow of the Government, the Committee warned that "what the Chinese or Greek Communists are doing today is what the American Communists plan to do tomorrow under similar circumstances."
"Vigorous enforcement of both laws based on the true character of the Communist Party should be instituted by the executive branch of Government without further delay. To hesitate any longer will be to sacrifice our national security," said the Committee. United Press.

Truman Asks For China Relief

Washington, May 10.
President Harry Truman asked the Congress today to appropriate US\$18,000,000 in foreign aid for China, Turkey, Greece and Trieste.
China would receive US\$483,000,000 of this amount, including US\$278,000,000 for "financing imports essential for the maintenance of the Chinese civilian economy," US\$60,000,000 for rural relief and rehabilitation and US\$125,000,000 for "grants to be made without regard to economic cooperation."
These funds would be in addition to the US\$300,000,000 already asked to finance the European Recovery Programme.
The money asked by the President was authorized under the Economic Cooperation Act. He had only asked so far for money to finance the ERP section of the act.
The House Appropriations Committee, which has been holding hearings on the original ERP US\$3,300,000,000 request, is expected to lump the new sum into a single bill. Committee action is not expected for several weeks.
The Foreign Aid Bill enacted last month merely authorizes the U.S. to embark on a programme to help friendly nations. It would be meaningless unless a separate bill providing the cash is passed.
The authorized total for the entire plan, including Asia, is US\$48,000,000, none of which has actually been appropriated. Associated Press.

Excitement

In Moscow the announcement that Russia and the U.S. have expressed readiness to try to patch up their quarrels created excitement among the Russian people today. American observers here attached great significance to the development.
Newspaper stands sold out as soon as editions appeared carrying the story. Labourers and office workers on their way to their jobs lined up at the newsstands for their copies. Many read the story as they walked along the streets.
The press and radio gave wide publicity to the development, without editorial comment. The newspapers announced that the United States had suggested a two-power meeting to discuss the state of Soviet-American relations, and that Russia had accepted. Associated Press.

OPEN CITY MOVE FOR JAFFA

Jerusalem, May 11.
Arab military leaders in Palestine, rocked by two major defeats within the past 24 hours, are trying to save the big port city of Jaffa from Jewish capture by declaring it an open city, it was reported today.
A dispatch from Tel-Aviv said the Arab Emergency Committee sought British intervention with the Jewish Hagannah Commanders to declare Jaffa an open city. It is understood the Jews refused.
Under the Arab plan Jaffa would be removed as an objective for any final struggle for Palestine after the British lay down the mandate at mid-June.
Jewish sources said today their troops battered through all Arab resistance last night and opened the Jerusalem-Tel-Aviv highway, vital artery of Jerusalem's hungry Jews.
Hagannah engineers moved up behind Jewish commando forces.

London, May 11.
The Foreign Office spokesman said today that the American-Soviet exchange of notes on talks to settle their differences came as a complete surprise to Britain.
"The spokesman said 'We were not consulted' of the announcement was a complete surprise to us. But whether it is a pleasant surprise we cannot say until we see the full official text of the American-Soviet notes."
The spokesman said Britain had not made any similar proposal to Moscow.
The Evening Standard hailed Radio Moscow's disclosure of the Soviet acceptance of the American proposal as "good news."
The Star said the move was "a relief" to the Jews. United Press.

Water Dangerous

The public are warned that the water supplied by the tank contractor on Shek O Beach is dangerous and should not be used either for drinking or washing eating utensils.

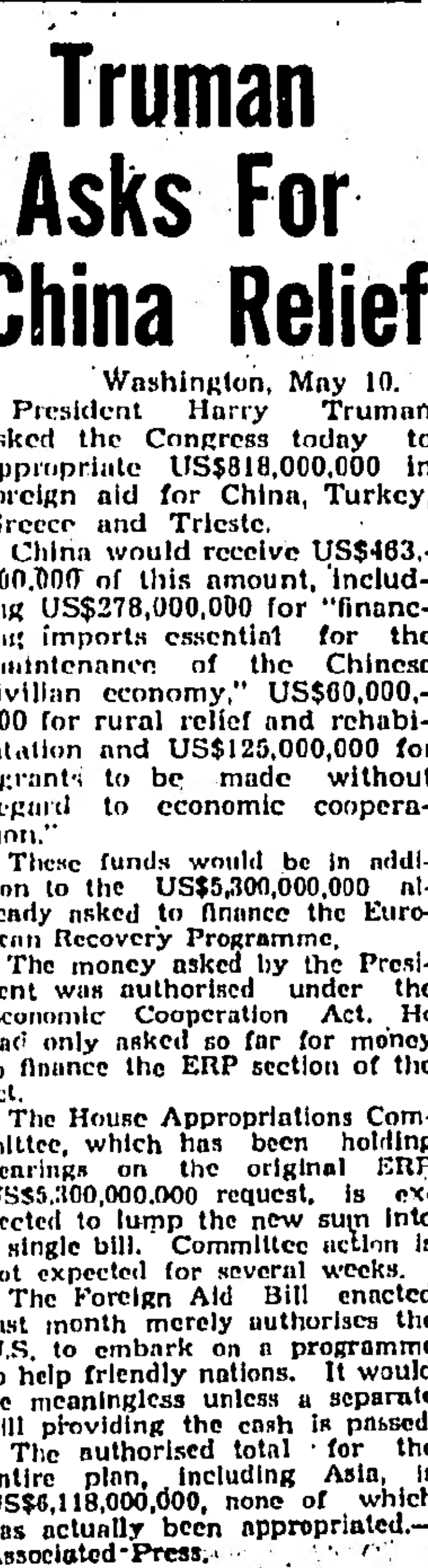
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\$HK -- "Root Of All Ills"

Shanghai, May 11.
Mayor K. C. Wu has called a meeting of Shanghai Food Committee officials and rice merchants this morning to discuss ways and means of halting runaway rice prices which touched a new peak of CN\$5,500,000 per picul yesterday.
Mayor Wu was quoted by one Chinese paper as blaming the Hong Kong dollar exchange rates for being the root of all economic ills in Shanghai.
While attributing the jump in rice prices to manipulation by unscrupulous merchants, Mayor Wu declared that the Governor of the Central Bank of China, Dr. Chang Kiang-wu, was negotiating with the Hong Kong Government for conclusion of a currency pact to enforce effective control of Chinese currency circulating in the British Colony.
He said that Hong Kong dollar exchange rates published in the local papers have a "psychological effect" on merchants.
A vicious circle, resulting from Hong Kong dollar rate starts with Shanghai black market dealings in gold and foreign currencies, then goes to cotton yarn prices and finally to rice and other commodities, he added.
Mayor Wu was further quoted as stating that there is no fundamental method to stop price increases in this city before the effective control of Hong Kong dollar rates has been brought about.
An average rise of CN\$350,000 was registered in all grades of rice yesterday, and rice merchants are predicting "quotations will soon reach the \$5,000,000 mark." Reuter.

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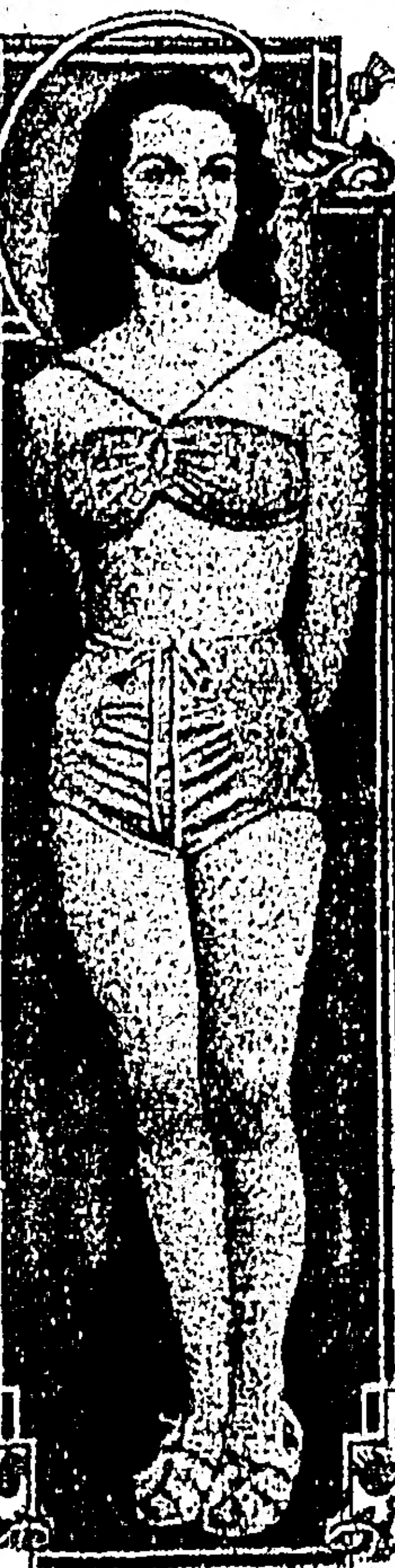
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\$2,000,000 SCHOOL FOR KOWLOON

Work on a \$2,000,000-school building to accommodate 1,000 students will shortly be started in Kowloon, the "China Mail" learned from authoritative sources yesterday.
The new building will be the mainland sister-school of Wah Yan College and will replace the present Kowloon premises of Wah Yan College at Nelson Street.
Government, it was learned, has made a grant of \$1,000,000 towards the new building. The Wah Yan authorities will raise the other \$1,000,000, possibly more.
When completed, the new college will be one of the most up-to-date buildings on the mainland. It will be four storeys high and, in addition to classrooms for 1,000 students, will have a large gymnasium, auditorium, and spacious playground.
The site is on Waterloo Road, near the Railway Bridge. Considerable preliminary work will be necessary in site formation and leveling before actual building commences, and it will be at least 18 months before the building will be ready for occupation.
Internal arrangements of the building have not yet been decided, pending the return of Father Albert Cooney, who has been visiting schools in England, and is now in the United States. He is expected back in the Colony in July. Father Cooney, incidentally has been appointed the next Rector of the College in Hong Kong.
No bousers will be taken in, but evening classes will be held, so as to give the maximum of educational facilities to boys in need of schooling.

Soldier Seriously Injured

Serious injuries were received by Pte. Marsh, a passenger in Army lorry 3144, which hit a wall, skidding and turning and sliding down the embankment of Island Road near the Salesian Fathers' Home, Shauiwan, at 1 p.m. yesterday.
The lorry was driven by Pte. J.R.B. Alsbitt who received slight injuries to the head. He was accompanied by Pte. Marsh, both of the 2nd Buff. Bn., attached to Lygon Barracks.
The truck was travelling from East to West and when near the Fathers' Home hit the wall on the left side of the road. The driver applied the brakes and the lorry skidded off the road, turned round and coming to a standstill about four feet down the embankment.
The vehicle was badly damaged.
Inspectors Fleming (O.C. Shauiwan), Senior (Motor Vehicle Inspector) and Eglington (Accident Inspector) were on the scene shortly after the accident.
Late last night Private Marsh was reported to be "comfortable" by the Bowen Road Military Hospital.
Private Alsbitt, the driver, was not detained and has returned to his unit.

Nationalist Concerted Push

Shanghai, May 11.
Powerful Nationalist columns, east of the Peiping-Hankow Railway in Honan, today began a concerted push towards the southwestern part of the province, where Red armies have swept close to the Honan-Hupeh border in the course of a virtually unopposed week-old offensive, according to pro-Government despatches.
Nanyang appears to be the only major city in this battle area remaining in Government hands and part of the reinforcements is designed to strengthen the defence of this so-called gateway to northern Hupeh, which is now surrounded by Reds.
Independent reports late today said that Communist troops in the Tientsin sector, 30 miles southwest of Nanyang, are at present moving in the direction of the north Hupeh city of Loehow, from where a large group of Protestant missionaries were evacuated some months ago, when threatened by the Reds. Loehow is 50 miles southwest of Tientsin, the last of the major cities in southwest Honan to fall to the Communists.
In their sweep towards the southwest, Government relief columns are reported to have recaptured Hsuehchung, 70 miles south of Chengchow, on the Peiping-Hankow railway, and Mianhsien, a Communist base, located 40 miles southwest of Chengchow. Reuter.

FIVE RIGHTISTS IN FIRST KOREAN RETURNS

Seoul, Korea, May 11.
Five moderate Rightists of the Hanhok Democratic Party were returned among the first ten candidates elected in southern Korea.
Although Sengman Rhee, leader of the Korean Independence Party was returned unopposed, the first results in Seoul indicated that his party did not receive the support generally anticipated. One of Rhee's candidates was beaten by his former secretary, who ran on the Hanhok ticket.
Reports from outlying districts indicated that all election violence had died down but delayed reports swelled the number of election dead on Chosun island and that a number of ballot boxes was destroyed before counting began.
Seoul police circles confirmed earlier reports that northern Korean troops crossed the 38th parallel yesterday and exchanged fire with south Korean police.
Two incidents occurred near the town of Kaesong. The first began at 2:00 a.m. Northern Koreans crossed the line and attacked houses on the outskirts of Kaesong, later retreating under fire from the south Koreans.
About 1:30 p.m. a second group of northern Koreans crossed the border and again shot were exchanged. Two northern Koreans were killed and one wounded. Reuter.

The British automobile industry reached new production and export peaks during March, the Government announced.
During the month, 32,349 passenger cars were made, compared with 24,022 last December, and 23,928 of them were sold in overseas markets. Associated Press.

British Warships For China

London, May 10.
The Admiralty has announced that two British ships, the cruiser Aurora and the destroyer Mendip, will be handed over to the Chinese Navy at Portsmouth on May 19.
The Chinese crews which will man the ships on the voyage to China have been training with the Royal Navy for several months.
Aurora was nicknamed "The Silver Phantom" during the war by the Italians who suffered many surprise defeats at her hands. She has a displacement of 5,270 tons and a normal complement of about 450 officers and men.
Mendip, built in 1940, took part in some brisk actions during the war. Associated Press.

British Friendship Lauded

Nanking, May 11.
The Chinese Army "Pence Daily" editorially lauded British friendship and expressed gratitude to Britain for the gift of the two warships Aurora and Mendip for training Chinese naval cadets.
The paper said that these two vessels will fill an "urgent need" as China builds her naval strength.
"Further coming from Britain, a land suffering from the devastation of war herself, the vessels should be doubly precious to us," the paper concluded by urging the Chinese people to derive inspiration from Britain and from her generous acts, and devote greater attention to the building of a navy for the protection of China's sea coast. Reuter.

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The Weather

A deepening depression in the Sea of Japan is moving N and from it a trough stretches to Kyushu and thence across B China to a shallow complex depression which covers Hainan, Indo China, and Malaya. A weak anticyclone is situated stationary over N China and pressure is also relatively high between Japan and the Philippines.
Today's Forecast—Moderate SE winds, cloudy, with scattered light or moderate showers mainly during the night and morning.
Yesterday's Weather—Mainly clear, 44 deg. F. Maximum: 74 deg. F. Minimum: 64 deg. F. Sunshine: 4.5 hours.
Rainfall: 2.0 mm. = 0.11 in. Total since Jan. 1—392.0 mm. = 15.43 in. as against long average of 388.0 mm. = 15.28 in.
Readings at 10 a.m. on 11th 1948: Baro. at m.s.l. = 1004.4 mm. = 29.65 in. Humidity = 75 % Dew Point = 61 °F Wind Direction = S Wind Force = 3 mph High = 709 mm. = 27.91 in. Low = 702 mm. = 26.81 in. All the above times are B.M. Standard Time.

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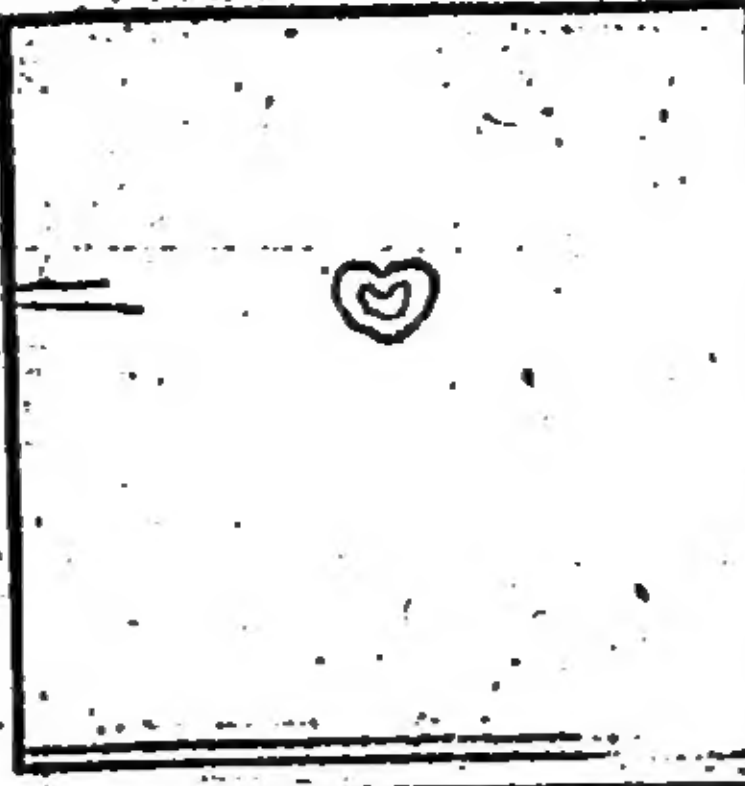
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"PLANNED ECONOMY" IS COMMUNISM ALTERNATIVE SAYS DR. HERKLOTS

"A permanent improvement in the lot of the peasant cannot be achieved by philanthropy; it can only be realised by a new orientation of life giving a new hope for the future," declared Dr. G. A. C. Herklotz, Development Secretary, in a talk on "An experiment in planned economy" before the Rotary Club yesterday.

Dr. Herklotz said such new hope must inevitably be associated with an increase in income and a betterment of social conditions.

It was easier to ensure a better return to the producer if the whole industry could be organised as a single entity. He was against the middleman when he exploited the producer for selfish ends. The fishermen and farmers were over-burdened with insufficient burdens of superfluous, rapacious middlemen and moneylenders, and the new system in Hong Kong introduced after the war had succeeded in part.

Dr. Herklotz explained the marketing system for fishermen and farmers and said their ideals had not yet been finally achieved though success had rewarded their efforts in no small measure.

Advanced Teaching

For the first four months of this year they had averaged \$2,250,000 worth of sales monthly, of which fish sales accounted for \$1,500,000.

After explaining the difficulties they had had to contend with, Dr. Herklotz said they had established savings schemes and schools. There was an advanced school at Aberdeen where more advanced teaching was given in fisheries and simple science.

Since the war the fishing community had more than doubled in numbers and vessels, and with over 5,000 fishing vessels, Hong Kong now boasted the largest fishing fleet of any single community in the world.

Laissez faire had been the dominant creed in Hong Kong before the war and even now still flourishes here. It had resulted in the pursuit of wealth becoming the highest aim in life.

After referring to the "very real danger" of Communism in South China, Dr. Herklotz said the alternative was a planned economy based on scientific principles which permitted enterprise but restricted excessive profiteering.

It was not nationalisation, in fact it was an alternative to it, and the only democratic alternative that was feasible.

A second development officer had been appointed—a "brilliant young man" who has spent two years in Hunan.

They were studying land tenure, rents and long standing debts. The story of feudalism in the New Territories was being pieced together and as the picture developed the grimmer it appeared.

Dr. Herklotz suggested that a series of district depots be established throughout the Territories. They would establish direct contact with the farmer and collect and transport his vegetables and would sell fertilisers, seeds, insecticides etc.

With these and other improvements, the peasant should be

Smoker's heart!

Motor Cyclist Injured

A traffic accident, in which F. Monteiro suffered head injuries, at the junction of Argyle Street and Mission Road had a sequel at Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday when lorry driver Yum Sik-ng was charged with driving without due care and attention.

Defendant, driver of lorry No. 8114, was fined \$350 by Mr. Blair-Kerr.

Sub-Inspector Howarth said said that defendant was driving along Argyle Street towards Kowloon City when at the junction of Argyle Street and Mission Road a motor cycle driven by Monteiro appeared from the opposite direction.

Instead of allowing the motor cyclist to pass, the lorry turned right into Mission Road and collided with the cyclist. The cyclist was injured, while his vehicle was badly damaged. The lorry was damaged on the front.

Council Losing Interest

Tokyo, May 11. The Allied Council for Japan is meeting to-morrow without a subject for discussion. This will be the 11th time since the first meeting on April 5, 1946 that the Council is meeting without an agenda.

Before the death of former Council Chairman George Acheson in the tragic plane crash in August last year, the Council discussed at least one subject and sometimes as many as eight subjects.

Since the original members are now all replaced by deputies, very little discussion has taken place. The Council is rapidly losing the interest of both the Allied personnel and Japanese people here.—Central News.

II Escape From Prison

London, May 11. Eleven men escaped in two prison breaks in Britain today. Three were recaptured within 20 minutes. Police throughout Southern England began a hunt for the others.

Eight prisoners loosened bricks in a cell wall at Canterbury prison and slid down into the prison yard in a rope of knotted blankets. A guard caught three, the others apparently fled in a waiting automobile.

At Wandsworth three men cut a hole in the ceiling of a cell to get away.—Associated Press.

Guilty Of Causing Explosion

Ngai Wan-sang and Chung Kwai, found guilty by a jury on charges arising out of an explosion at the Lun Sing Garage, 188, Tai Po Road, Shamshuipo, on Mar. 5, were yesterday sentenced by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), to 12 years and eight years hard labour.

Ngai, who had originally pleaded guilty, to a charge of demanding money with menaces, was found guilty by the jury on charges of causing an explosion likely to endanger property, conspiracy to cause an explosion likely to endanger life and possession of an explosive substance.

Chung was found guilty on charges of demanding money with menaces, causing an explosion likely to endanger life. As Mr. Justice Williams had held that Chung had no case to answer on the charge of possession of an explosive substance, the jury returned a formal verdict of "not guilty" in respect of this charge.

Mr. A. Lonsdale, assisted by Del. Insp. C. Downman, conducted the prosecution. The accused were not legally represented.

It was the case for the Crown that following an explosion at the Lun Sing Garage on Mar. 5, 1948, a demand was made to Pang Tung-hoi, master of the Garage, that he pay the caller \$20,000. Following further telephone calls, in the course of which the original amount demanded was reduced and a threat made to pull down the Garage, the accused were arrested.

First accused admitted the charge of demanding money with menaces, but claimed that he knew nothing about the explosives. Second accused denied all knowledge of the matter and alleged that first accused offered to take him for a walk on Mar. 7.

Before passing sentence, Mr. Justice Williams said that he was satisfied that first accused had taken a greater part in the series of transactions than second accused.

CHARGE DISMISSED

The charge against PC 1393 Leung Hong-choi was dismissed by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday when the Prosecution withdrew the charge of demanding money with menaces due to lack of evidence.

Leung was alleged to have demanded \$30 from a firewood dealer.

Defendant, who was represented by Mr. M. da Silva, pleaded not guilty.

Paul Dalko, 43, of the Manufacturers Life Insurance, appeared at Central Magistrate's Court yesterday on a charge of driving a private motor vehicle without a valid Hong Kong Licence.

Defendant pleaded "guilty." He had had a licence pre-war and had not bothered to get a new one.

Reminders

Today
H.K. Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd., annual meeting 2nd floor, St. George's Bldg. 12 noon.

Talk on "Berlin Re-Visited" by Capt. A.J.E. Luft, at Toe E Club, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Rd., 8.30 p.m.

Church Council meeting, Chris Church Vicarage, 8.30 p.m.

Kowloon Union Church Management Committee meeting, in Vestry, 6.30 p.m.

Opening of Bowling green, H.K. Football Club, Happy Valley, Wappingshaw match, 5.15 p.m.

Kola Bahree Rubber Estates (1921), Ltd., annual meeting of shareholders, 60, 60B, Marina House, 12 noon.

Sino-British Club Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 6 p.m.

"Book Tea" at Hong Kong International Women's Club, Gloucester Hotel, 4 to 6 p.m.

Legislative Council meeting, 2.30 p.m.

Coming Events
TOMORROW
Royal Air Forces Association luncheon, Jacobson Room, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Maria Club Luncheon, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Mahjong and Bridge Drive European YMCA, 2.30 p.m.

FRIDAY
St. Andrew's Club, annual meeting at St. Andrew's Church Hall, 8.30 p.m.

Engineering Society of H.K., annual dinner, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 7.30 p.m.

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Opening night of "The Spoiler Dramas", presented by the Wah Yan Dramatic Society, at Wah Yan College, Robinson Rd., 8.30 p.m.

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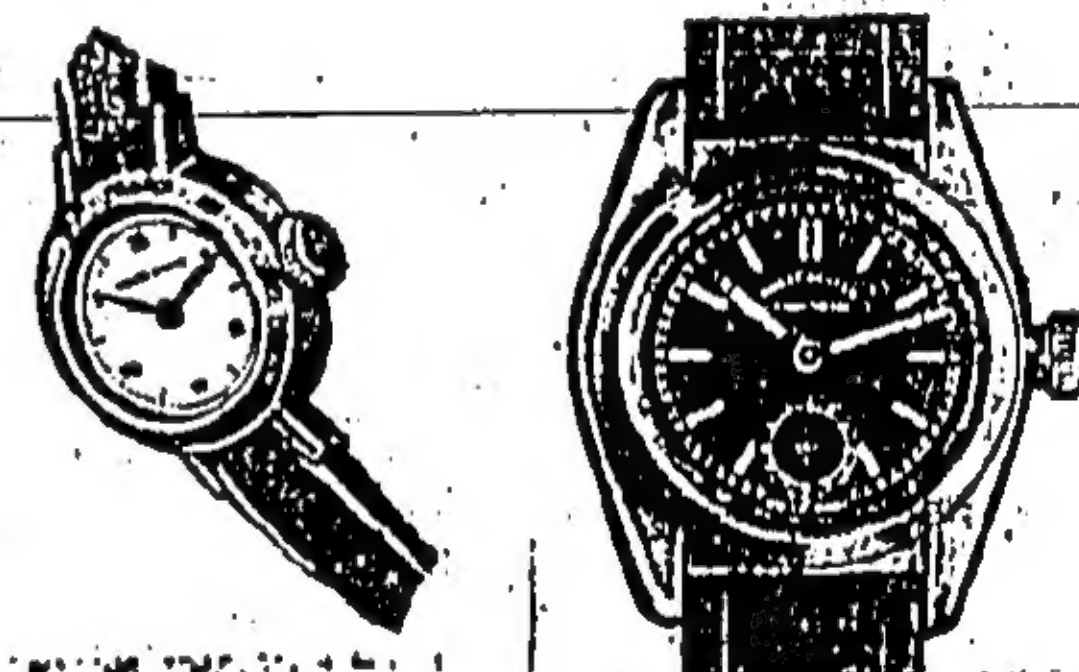
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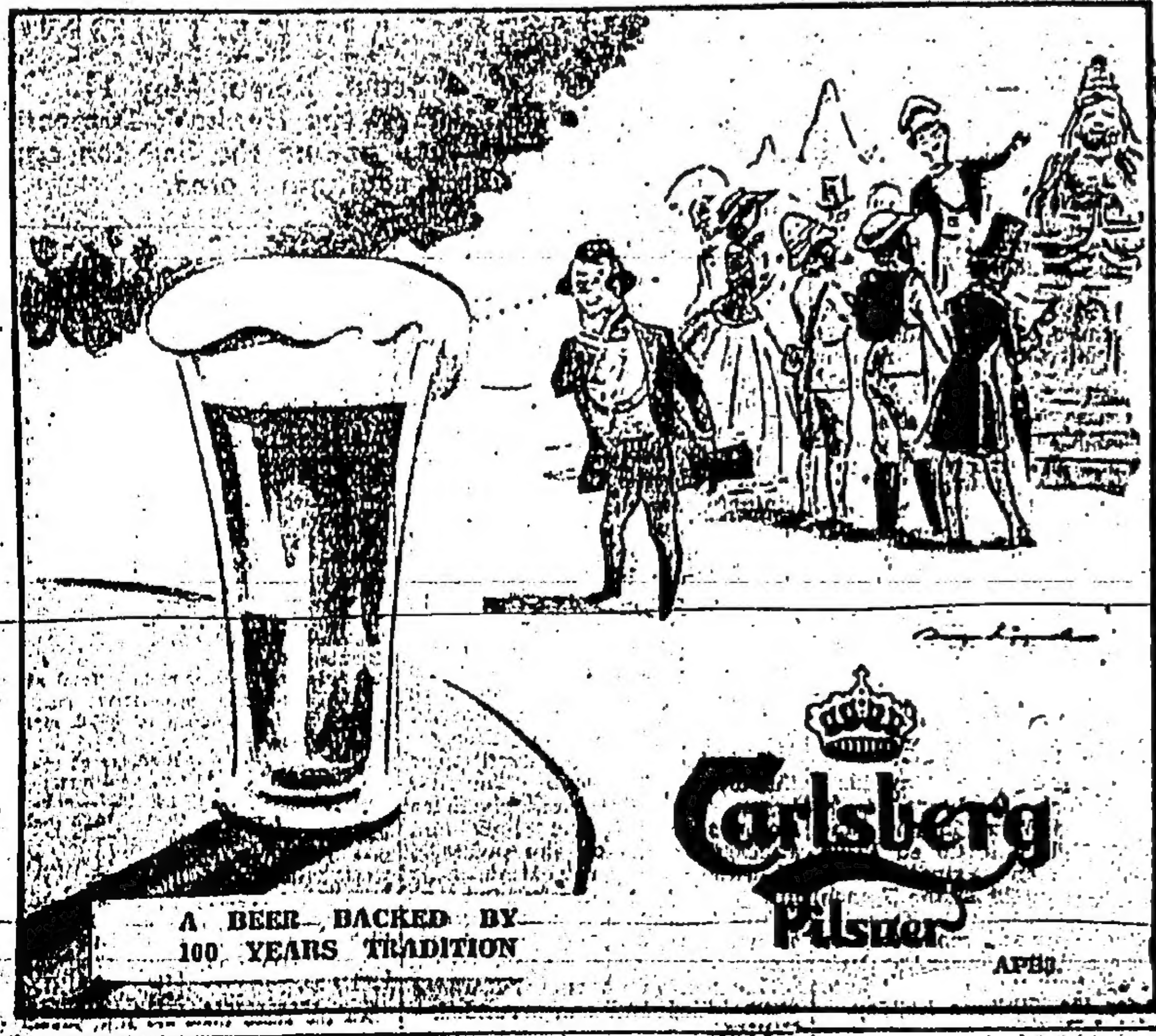
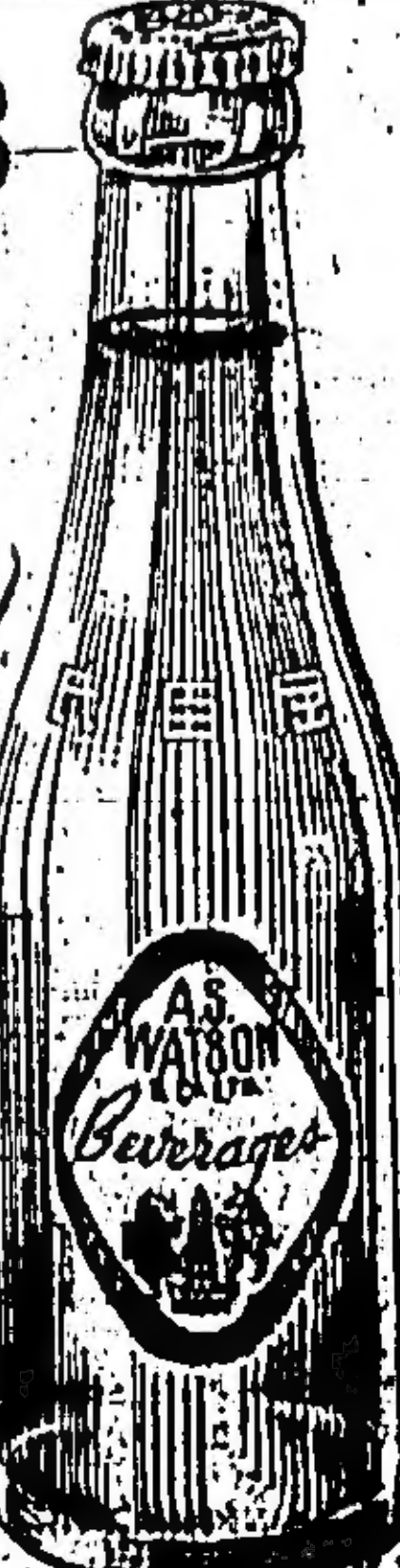
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Fung Kam-shui, alleged to be the 21-year-old leader of the Cantonese camp, injured two Fukienese, which led to his appearance at Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday before Mr. Blair-Kerr charged with causing grievous bodily harm to Law Li-cheung and Wong Sin-mei.

Sub-Inspector Howarth told the Court that on April 29 Law, who suffered head injuries and had been detained in hospital for six days, discovered that the Cantonese defendants had taken part of his bed. An argument over ownership ensued.

The dispute flared into a fist-fight. The other Cantonese and Fukienese workmen joined in and eventually some 40 workers were involved.

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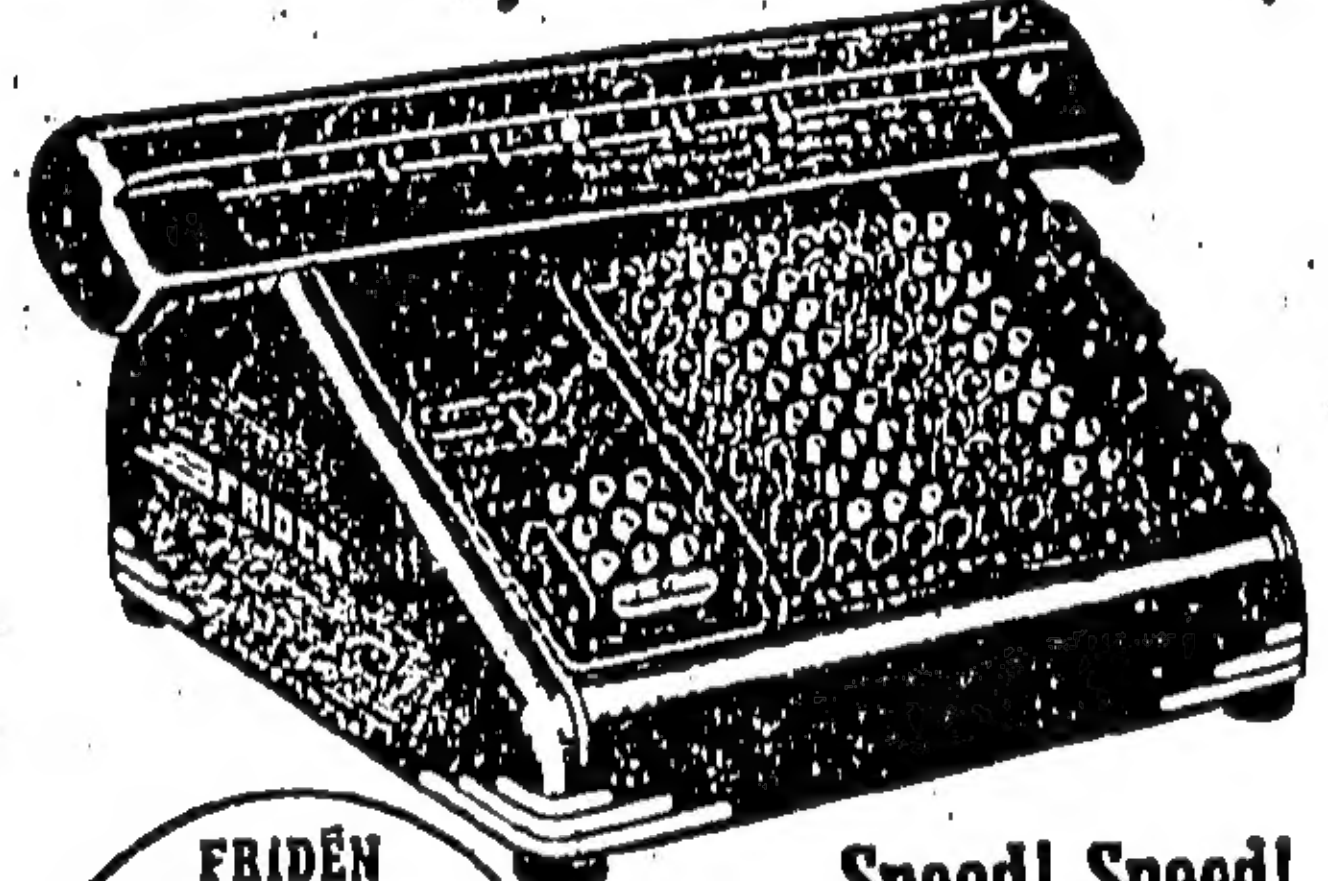
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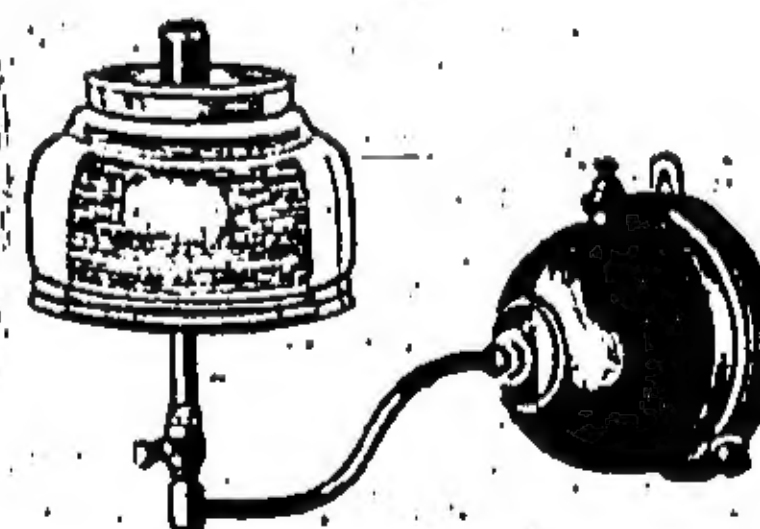
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STATEMENTS CLAIMED SIGNED UNDER DURESS

A submission that the first and fifth accused signed statements under duress and that the contents of such statements were false, was put forward by Mr. Percy Chen at the Criminal Sessions yesterday when hearing of the trial of five Chinese on a charge of attempted robbery was resumed before Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge) and a jury of four women and three men.

Chan Kwai, widow, principal witness for the Crown, admitted under cross-examination that what she had told the fifth accused at the Tai O Eating House was lies.

The accused who are on trial are Li Yiu, Li Chi-wing, Chan Mo, Lam Tak and Tong Shan. Li Chi-wing is additionally charged with possession of "arms" and ammunition, while Chan Mo is also charged with possession of arms.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. D. G. MacPherson is conducting the prosecution.

Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. C.A.S. Rice and Mr. M.A. da Silva is appearing for Li Yiu and Tong Shan.

The first witness, Chinese detective Ho Lin, denied beating up the fifth accused or any of the other prisoners. After placing fifth accused in the prisoner's cage, he went to the Saloon and Solera Home. He denied that he or the other detectives showed a revolver to the second accused and alleged that the revolver was the property of second accused. He denied that he ever at any time kicked second accused. He did not see any other person assault second accused at any time.

Asked Questions

Chan Kwai, who gave her address as 89 Apin Street, said that she met fifth accused, she met him some time towards the end of November at the Tai O Eating House. She was taken to that place by someone for the purpose of meeting fifth accused. If she worked at 17 Lockhart Road, she was also asked questions concerning the length of her service, her wages and the occupation of her master. After she had given fifth accused replies to these questions, he enquired of her master had US\$10,000. On her replying to this question in the affirmative, fifth accused questioned her as to how her master had come into possession of this sum. She then told fifth accused that her master had a younger brother in America and that the sum of US\$10,000 had been sent to her master by this younger brother. She had been previously assisted by her master at the time of his going to America.

Chan said that in answer to other questions by fifth accused, she told him that the money was kept in a camphorwood chest in the first cubicle, that her master lived on the premises, that they were working and two of whom were still going to school. She also told fifth accused that her master and his two sons went to work at 9 a.m. She further told fifth accused that her master and his sons worked at a bank and that the best time to go to the house would be between 9 a.m. and noon, except on Sundays and holidays.

Chan said that after asking her the questions mentioned, fifth accused asked her if she had any relatives. She said she had no relatives except a sister, who was in Kowloon City. Fifth accused is then alleged to have said to her: "If I make a fortune out of it, I want you to go away with me."

Chan said that she told fifth accused that it would be too much trouble, but he said that it did not matter. The reason he gave was that if a report was made and she were taken to the Police Station she, being a woman, could not bear the threats which would be made. This would not suit his arrangements. Chan declared that when she asked fifth accused whether or not he would bring arms, he said that he would do so, but that she need have no worries. She finally told him that if he intended to do the job, it would be best if he gave her notice the day before. She would then arrange to leave the door open and pretend to know nothing about the matter. She would put the blame on the informer who took her to see

the fifth accused was present. Under cross-examination, Chan said that she had known Police Sergeant Cheung Wing-kam for 10 years. This was the first time she had worked for Cheung. Before this, she worked at the Central Police Station as a wash amah for Inspector Cushman, to whom she was recommended by Chinese Detective Lu Muk. She was unemployed at present, but earned a living as a sewing girl. Chan admitted that all she had told fifth accused at the Tai O Eating House was lies, but she was instructed to do so. Chan denied that she told Det. Insp. MacPherson that she was an informer. She only informed the police when an informer gave some information to Cheung Wing-kam. She did not tell anybody sitting at Counsel's bench that she was an informer. She denied that she gave the impression that all she had said to fifth accused was true. She was only giving evidence that such a conversation had taken place with fifth accused. The preparations for going to meet fifth accused were made between herself and Cheung Wing-kam. The answer which she gave to questions put to her by fifth accused came out of her own head. She knew a person named Ng Sing. He was the person who went with her to meet fifth accused.

When it was put to Chan that he did not meet fifth accused at Tai O Eating House, she maintained that the meeting did take place. She was not forced to act in this matter and was receiving reward for her work.

On conclusion of Chan's testimony, Mr. Justice Gould directed the jury to retire, but to return again at 10 a.m. today, when hearing will be resumed. In the absence of the jury, the question as to the admissibility of statements made by the accused was argued.

Death By Mishap

A verdict of death by misadventure was reached by Mr. Lattimer acting as Coroner at an inquest at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday into the death of a 23-year-old married woman, at No. 448, Prince Edward Road, second floor.

Dr. B. S. Khoo, medical officer at the Kowloon Hospital, told the Court that he examined the deceased and found that she had appearances consistent with falling on hard ground. Death in his opinion was caused by fracture of the skull and subdural haemorrhage.

Chan Sam-mui, who said Yeung Sik-in, the deceased, was her niece, was lying on her bed at 1-p.m. on Jun. 23 when she heard a heavy thud outside on the passage. She rushed out and found her niece lying unconscious. With the help of another woman she brought Yeung to the hospital.

Yeung's husband was seriously ill in hospital, Chan said, and her niece had had little food in the few days prior to the incident. She had no one else to support her and was in distress. Yeung was on friendly terms with everybody on the floor.

THEFT OF PYJAMAS

Lo Chor-pak, unemployed, was sentenced to three months' hard labour yesterday by Mr. Hin Shing Lo for larceny of three suits of pyjamas from the China Emporium on May 10.

With three previous convictions for similar offences, Lam Ying-kit was charged with larceny from the person of Sheung Kai of HK\$78, 14,000 customs gold units and 50,000 CNC on May 10 in Connaught Road West.

He was sentenced to four months' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

Insp. H. Brownrigg prosecuted.

Certificates Of Origin

Exporters applying for official Certificates of Origin from the Import and Export Department will, from Saturday onwards, be required to submit a sample of their goods and at the same time state where the goods can be seen for inspection.

All applications will have to be submitted five days before the goods are scheduled to be exported.

WING ON COMPANY'S PROFIT

A net profit of \$2,156,056.11 was made by the Wing On Company, Limited, in the year ended Dec. 31, 1947. This was disclosed at the annual general meeting of shareholders on Saturday. The Profit and Loss Account the Company showed that its Wei San Kaiting Factory registered a loss of \$1,761.24 whereas its Great Eastern Hotel reaped a profit of \$130,847.03. More than 70 shareholders attended the meeting which was presided over by Mr. Philip Cockchin, Managing Director.

SI Clarke Fined \$250 For Assault

The case in which three police officers, S.I. Clarke, Detective P.C. Lau Hoi-nam and P.C. Chan Po-wah were summoned before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central for unlawful detention and assault of Kwan Sing, a rice shop faki, ended yesterday when the magistrate discharged all three on the count of unlawful detention.

A substituted charge of common assault was preferred against all three. S.I. Clarke, who pleaded guilty, was fined \$250. Lau Hoi-nam was found not guilty and discharged and Chan Po-wah was found guilty and fined \$250.

In the morning the Magistrate, the prosecution officer and the solicitors for the defence visited Cleverly Street and the scene of the alleged incident.

In the afternoon Mr. d'Almada, in discharging the defendants on the unlawful detention count, said in the course of his judgment that Section 20 gave the police wide powers as a policeman may arrest and detain any person acting in a suspicious manner for enquiries. There was no hard and fast rule as to what constituted "suspicious manner."

Denied Assault

S.I. Clarke, not being satisfied with the answers to his questions, was justified in taking Kwan-sing to the Police station. There, in answer to questions, the fact that Kwan Sing had told Clarke that he had taken down the numbers for some one in the Oriental Buildings need not be accepted by Clarke as the truth.

In the witness box Lau, denied that he beat anyone or that first accused did so. He did not assault Kwan-sing while the finger prints were being taken. He was reluctant to have the finger prints taken. He was not standing in the proper position, and to enable the prints to be taken he pushed witness aside with his elbow. He did not assault him.

In reply to Mr. Shaftain, accused said that if witness said that he had been assaulted he was lying. He did not strike Kwan-sing. He did not see Kwan-sing being stamped upon. He did not know why Kwan Sing had made allegations.

Chan, the third accused, denied that he drew his revolver on witness. He did not know who did so. He denied assaulting Kwan-sing and added that he was in the charge room until he went off duty. There were a number of Police officers including an European Inspector.

Mr. Comber, for first accused, said that his client pleaded guilty to the charge of common assault, and would like to draw attention to the circumstances of the case. The stories of the witnesses for the prosecution were greatly exaggerated and a issue of lies.

Clarke had been very frank in his account of what had happened and admitted that he shook Kwan-sing in the charge room.

"Shook Kwan-Sing"
Counsel said that there had been an opportunity to observe the demeanour of Kwan-sing in court and asked that consideration be taken, that it was late at night at the end of the patrol and the demeanour of witness was enough to make any one angry when questions were not answered.

The only evidence against accused was that he shook Kwan-sing. There was none of assault. Accused had been formerly in the Royal Navy and after 14 years service reached the rank of Petty Officer. He joined the Police Force two years ago and

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Unions Surrender After Secret Talks

President's Order For Seizure

Washington, May 10.
Union leaders tonight called off their threatened train strike after President Truman seized the railways and obtained a Federal Court order forbidding a walkout.

The railway men made up their minds to surrender shortly before ten p.m. EDT, at a secret meeting in their hotel headquarters.

That was two hours after Federal Judge Alan Goldsborough had signed a nine-day anti-strike order on them and about nine hours before the walkout was to have begun in the Eastern Time Zone.

A Union official told the United Press, "word is now going across the country that there will be no strike on Tuesday."

Earlier, President Truman had seized United States railroads and called on every rail worker to cooperate with the Government by remaining on duty.

The President acted as representatives of the three Brotherhoods which called a strike for 8 a.m. on Tuesday and representatives of the management continued fruitless discussions at the White House.

President Truman at 12.58 EDT signed the seizure order and directed the Army Secretary, Kenneth Royall, to operate the lines in the name of the Government.

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The Ministry has made it compulsory for all schools to hoist the Siam national flag, but some Chinese schools protested against the order, insisting on hoisting the Chinese national flag instead.

JAPANESE REPARATIONS

Shanghai, May 11.
Chinese sources said today that the shipment of Japanese reparations equipment to China will be completed by the middle of May.

The sources said that up to date 1,368,000 tons of Japanese reparations items have already been received in Shanghai and two shiploads are being unloaded.

They said that applications for reparations items exceeded the total allotted to China by three times, but distribution has not yet started due to the dispute over priority.

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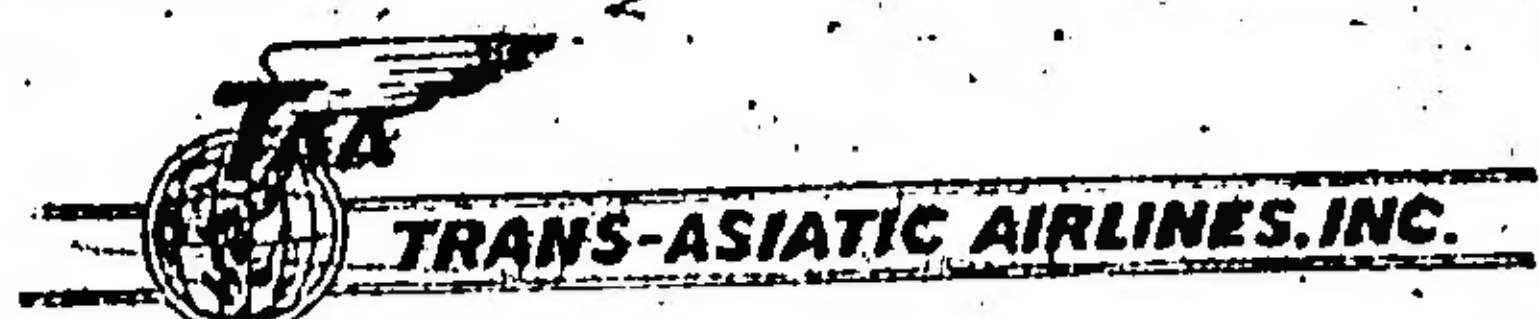
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BRITAIN'S FOREIGN POLICY

The outstanding features of the two days' debate in the House of Commons on foreign affairs were the general appreciation of the gravity of the European situation and the general approval of the broad lines of Government's policy.

That there should be criticism on detail was of course inevitable. It is, indeed, the very purpose of debate. And there is still much disquiet among the Government's own supporters about, for example, the development of events in Greece.

But on the whole there is a greater unity of opinion in the House of Commons—and in the country generally—than at any time since the end of the second World War.

The Communist coup in Czechoslovakia has had a sudden effect, as of a chemical agent which suddenly clarifies a cloudy solution. And that effect has been enhanced and reinforced by the conduct of the Russians in Berlin.

Except for a tiny minority, it is now accepted—however reluctantly—that Europe is now divided into the "two camps" whose existence M. Zhdanov proclaimed at the foundation meeting of the Comintern. It is realised that this division has been deliberately created by the Soviet Government. And it is realised that the Soviet camp is, in its intentions, dynamic expansionist and politically aggressive; that the Western democracies have to defend themselves and their way of life against a persistent and continuous offensive from the East.

This does not mean that the people in Britain expect war or regard war as inevitable. There is in Britain no trace of "war-mongering." Nor is there any parallel to the steady flow of invective and abuse which the Soviet press directs against not only the "monopoly capitalists" but against the Socialist parties of the West.

There is instead—not only in the Labour movement—a willingness and a desire for restoration both of friendship and of co-operation with the Soviet Union and with its associates.

But there is also a realist appreciation and acceptance of the fact that, at any rate for the present, the Soviet Union desires neither friendship nor co-operation, that it takes every opportunity to reject co-operation and uses every device to destroy even the remnants of friendship. It is an aggressive and provocative mood.

Faced by that situation—the dangers of which are only too evident—the House of Commons as a whole made it clear that it endorses and approves the twin lines of British policy.

Those lines are, first, to consolidate the defensive forces of the West, lest weakness might tempt the Russians to turn from a political to a military offensive. And, second, while firmly opposing all attempts at encroachment and refusing to yield to the pressure of a "nervous war," to abstain from any action which might make the situation worse from meeting provocation by counter-provocation.

Mr. Bevin, in effect summed up that whole policy in a few sentences when, referring to



I had, as the reader may be aware, a considerable knowledge of the Admiralty and of the Navy. The four years from 1911 to 1915, when I had the duty of preparing the Fleet, the war and the task of directing the Admiralty during the first 10 critical months, had been the most vivid of my life.

In the interval I had studied and written much about naval affairs. I had spoken repeatedly upon them in the House of Commons. I had always preserved a close contact with the Admiralty and, although their foremost critic in these years I had been made privy to many of their secrets.

I was of course familiar from the published records with the strength, composition and structure of our Fleet, actual and prospective, and with those of the German, Italian and Japanese Navies. As a critic and a spy, my public speeches had naturally dwelt upon weaknesses and shortcomings and, taken by themselves, had by no means portrayed either the vast strength of the Royal Navy or my own confidence in it.

It would be unjust to the Chamberlain Administration and their preparedness for a war with Germany, or with Germany and Italy. The effective defence of Australasia and India in the face of a simultaneous attack by Japan raised more serious difficulties than in this case, which was at the moment unlikely—such an assault might well have involved the United States.

I therefore felt, when I entered upon my duties, that I had at my disposal what was undoubtedly the finest-tanned instrument of naval war in the world, and I was sure that time would be granted to make good the oversights of peace and to cope with the equally certain unpleasant surprises of war.

The tremendous naval situation of 1914 in no way repeated itself. Now, the German Navy had only begun their rebuilding and had no power even to form a line of battle. Their two great battleships, Bismarck and Tirpitz, both of which, it must be assumed, had been sunk in the war, were at least a year from completion.

The light battle-cruisers, Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, which had been fraudulently increased by the Germans from 10,000 tons to 20,000 tons, had been completed in 1938. Besides this, Germany had available the three "pocket battleships" of 10,000 tons, Admiral Graf Spee, Admiral Scheer and Deutschland, together with two fast eight-inch-gun cruisers of 10,000 tons, six light cruisers, and some 60 destroyers and smaller vessels.

There was no challenge in surface craft to our command of the seas. There was no doubt that the British Navy was overwhelmingly superior to the German in strength and, in numbers, the position in Berlin.

"We are in Berlin as of right," he said. "It is our intention to stay there. I hope that the attempts to settle these problems by a war of nerves will be brought to an end."

That on the one side. On the other, he was equally emphatic in his insistence that the British Government and the British authorities in Berlin had "kept quite cool and refused to be irritated." Those sentences sum up and epitomise British policy towards the Soviet Union. It is one of preparedness for the worse but of hope for the best. It is one of firmness coupled with patience and prudence even under deliberate provocation. And there is all the time a readiness to reach a "real and lasting settlement" provided that it is real and not simply a dishonest device "so designed as to include methods of furthering the Communist objective."

There can be no peaceful settlement for all Europe without very great difficulty if Russia will genuinely renounce her Imperialist aims of expanding her hegemony over other States and her Communist aims of overthrowing the "capitalist democracies" and of establishing Communist dictatorships throughout Europe.

But, unless and until she does so, Western Europe must remain calmly and unexcitedly on guard.

The Twenty-third Instalment

THE NAVAL POSITION IN 1939

and no reason to assume that its science, training or skill was in any way defective. Apart from the shortage of cruisers and destroyers the Fleet had been maintained at its customary high standard. It had to face enormous and innumerable duties, rather than an antagonist.

My views on the naval situation were already largely formed when I went to the Admiralty. The command of the Fleet was vital to the enemy. Scandinavia supplies, Swedish ore, and, above all, protection against Russian descents on the long undefended northern coastline of Germany—in one place, the Baltic—made it imperative for the German Navy to dominate the Baltic. I was therefore sure that in this opening phase Germany would not compromise her command of that sea. Thus, while submarines were raiding, cruisers, or perhaps one pocket battleship, might be sent even to disturb our traffic, no ships would be risked which were necessary to the Baltic control. The German Fleet, as at this moment developed, must aim at this as its prime and almost its sole objective.

For the main purposes of Sea Power and for the enforcement of our principal naval offensive measure, the blockade, we must of course maintain a superior fleet in our northern waters; but no very large British naval forces were, in fact, needed to watch the débouches from the Baltic or from the Heligoland Bight.

British security would be markedly increased if an air attack upon the Kiel Canal rendered that door from the Baltic useless, even if only at intervals. A year before I had sent a note upon this special operation to Sir Thomas Inskip.

October 29, 1938. In a war with Germany the severance of the Kiel Canal would be an achievement of the first importance. With the sea being few locks, and no marked difference of sea-level at the two ends of the Canal, its interruption by H.E. bombs, even of the heaviest type, could be swiftly repaired.

If however many bombs of medium size fitted with time fuses, some set for a day, others for a week, and others for a month, etc., could be dropped in the Canal, their explosions at uncertain intervals and in uncertain places would close the Canal to the movement of ships or valuable vessels until the whole bottom had been deeply dredged. Alternatively, special fuses with magnetic action should be considered.

The phrase about magnetic mines is interesting in view of what was soon to come upon us. No special action had, however, been taken.

Italy had not declared war, and it was already clear that Mussolini was waiting upon events. In this uncertainty, and as a measure of precaution, all our arrangements were complete, we thought it best to divert our shipping round the Cape.

We had, however, already on our side, in addition to our own preponderance over Germany and Italy combined, the powerful fleet of France, the powerful fleet of the United States, and the fleet of the British Empire, long administration of Admiral Darlan had been brought to the highest strength and degree of efficiency ever attained by the French Navy since the days of the Monarchy.

Should Italy become hostile, our first battle-field must be the Mediterranean. I was entirely opposed, except as a temporary convenience, to all plans for quelling the centre and merely sealing up the ends of the great inland sea. Our forces alone, even without the aid of the

French Navy and its fortified harbours, were sufficient to drive the Italian ships from the sea, and should secure complete naval command of the Mediterranean within two months and possibly sooner.

The British domination of the Mediterranean would inflict injuries upon an enemy, Italy, which might be fatal to her power of continuing the war. All her troops in Libya and in Abyssinia would be cut off from a base.

The French and our people in Egypt could be reinforced to any extent desired, while theirs would be overweighted. If not starved, not to hold the Central Mediterranean would be to expose Egypt and the Canal, as well as the French possessions, to invasion by Italian troops with German leadership.

I had accepted too readily when out of office the Admiralty view of the extent to which the submarine had been mastered. Whilst the technical efficiency of the Asdic apparatus was proved

Newspaper opinion, headed by The Times, favoured the principle of a War Cabinet of not more than five or six Ministers, all of whom should be free from departmental duties. Thus alone it was argued, could a broad and concerted view be taken upon war policy, especially in its larger aspects. Put shortly, "Five men with nothing to do, but to run the war" was deemed the ideal.

There are, however, many practical objections to such a course. A group of detached Statesmen, however high their nominal authority, are at a serious disadvantage in dealing with the Ministers at the head of the great Departments vitally concerned. This is especially true of the Service Departments.

The War Cabinet Ministers themselves would naturally be diffident of challenging the responsible Minister, armed with all his facts and figures.

They tend therefore to become more and more theoretical advisers and commentators reading an immense amount of material

I had not held public office for 11 years. I had therefore no responsibility for the past or for any want of preparation now apparent. On the contrary, I had for the last six or seven years been a continual prophet of evils which had now in large measure come to pass.

Thus, armed as I now was with the mighty machine of the Navy, or which fell in this phase the sole burden of active fighting, I did not feel myself at any disadvantage, and had I done so, it would have been removed by the courtesy and loyalty of the Prime Minister and his colleagues.

Although the Prime Minister was my senior by some years in age, I was almost the only antediluvian. This might well have been a matter of reproach in a time of crisis when it was natural and popular to demand the force of young men and new ideas.

I saw therefore that I should have to strive my utmost to keep pace with the generation now in power and with fresh young spirits who might at any time appear. In this I relied upon knowledge as well as upon all possible zeal and mental energy.

For this purpose I had recourse to a method of life which had been forced upon me at the Admiralty in 1914 and 1915, and which I found greatly extended my daily capacity for work. I always went to bed at least for one hour as early as possible in the afternoon and exploited to the full my happy gift of falling almost immediately into deep sleep.

By this means I was able to press a day and night work into one. I had not intended mankind to work from eight in the morning until midnight without that refreshment of blessed oblivion which, even if it only lasts 20 minutes, is sufficient to renew all the vital forces.

I regretted having to send myself to bed like a child every afternoon, but I was rewarded by being able to work through the night until two or even later—sometimes much later—in the morning, and begin the new day between eight and nine o'clock.

This routine I observed throughout the war, and I commend it to others if and when they find it necessary for a long spell to get the last scrap out of the human structure.

The First Sea Lord, Admiral Pound, as soon as he had realised my technique, adopted it himself, except that he did not actually go to bed, but dozed off in his armchair. He even carried this policy so far as often to go to sleep during the Cabinet meetings. One word about the Navy was, however, sufficient to awaken him to the fullest alertness. Nothing slipped past his vigilant ear, or his comprehending mind.

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'Gentle Woman' Gets Yard's Goat

London, May 11.

Scotland Yard, which respects the sensibilities of to-tifying old ladies who want nothing to do with the police, became impatient today with a woman who may have a clue to the identity of a murderer.

Handwriting experts said the woman, "gentle, aging and self-effacing," has written to Scotland Yard twice to say that on Feb. 8 she took a photograph of the grave of her mother in London's Tower Hamlet Cemetery.

In the background of the picture, when it was developed, was the figure of a little girl who, the correspondent said, is undoubtedly Eileen Lockhart, 5, who vanished mysteriously in a bomb-wrecked building on Feb. 11.

Standing beside the little girl, said the correspondent, was a man whom the police would like to identify and question.

The correspondent signed her name but gave no address because of reluctance to get involved in "scandalous excitement."

In numerous public statements the Yard said it would respect the lady's sensibilities if she posted the vital negative in a plain envelope.

But there has been no reply and today a Yard officer said impatiently:

"Whereas we have every disposition to be considerate, we cannot permit an understandable reluctance on the part of a lady to stand between us and duty. Tomorrow we start looking for this secondary clue."

Prospects are that the reluctant lady will be found, for every Londoner has to sign numerous documents, such as receipts for ration tickets, and the Yard is prepared to study some millions of signatures to find her. Associated Press.

Sergeant Loses His Case

London, May 10.

A former British Army sergeant alleged to have amassed £20,000 by bribes while stationed in Cairo during the war, lost an action against the Crown today for recovery of £13,632, which the Crown seized.

The man, Charles Henry Living, was said to be now residing in Cyprus.

For the Crown, the Attorney-General, Sir Hartley Shawcross, said in the High Court that Reading got the money by riding in illicit whisky and brandy traffic.

His presence prevented police inspection. The judge said that the Crown was entitled to the money on the ground that it was the employer of Reading, if a servant required money by virtue of his service in the sense that the assets, or facilities, or position he occupied were for the use of his employer.

Readings' uniform and army position were the sole reason for his getting the money. Reuters.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner

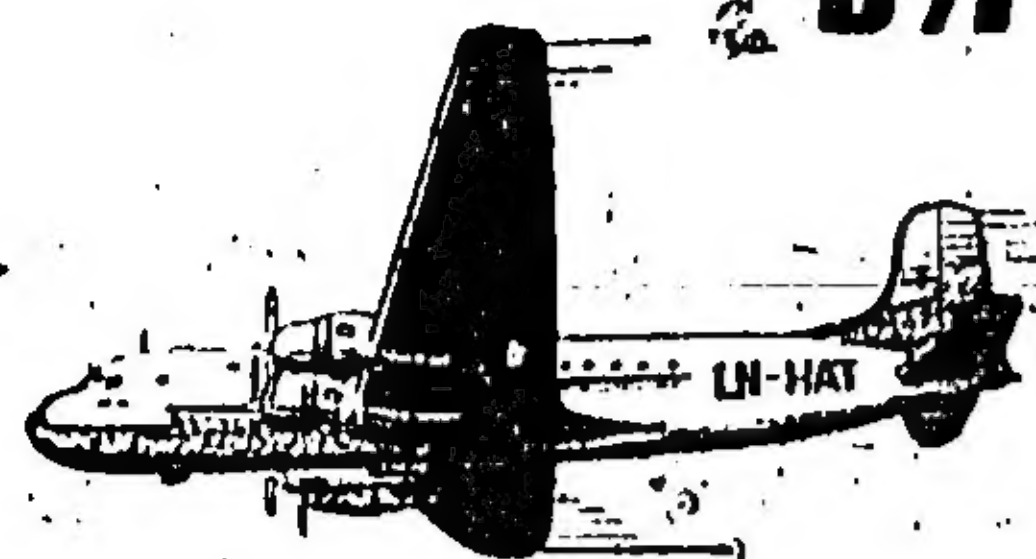


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Flare-Up At End Of Mandate

Jerusalem, May 10.

Jewish military successes were reported in Northern Palestine and around Jerusalem itself, and despatches from Damascus reported that Arab leaders, meeting there tonight, were fully prepared for organised warfare with the end of the British mandate in five days' time.

Jewish successes in the north were reported in another Damascus despatch—an Arab communique admitting that Arab forces had been "forced to retreat from the northern Palestine town of Safad at dawn today."

The Arab communique added that a Haganah attempt to open the blockaded Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway had failed and, that fighting along the route continued.

The Jews themselves claimed to be in control of the heights dominating the Arab Bab El Wad road block along the highway, and said that a big Jewish convoy was assembling to make the run to Jerusalem.

Jewish "pioneers" were reported to be having their way through a 200 yards long barrier by which the Arabs have blocked road traffic for the past 20 days.

In Haifa, the British disclosed that a special mixed board of Arab, British, and Jewish members, would be set up to run the city, Palestine's chief port and the British evacuation embarkation centre, after the end of the mandate on Saturday.

Total War

The handing over of authority at Haifa has already begun, it was said officially, and was expected to be completed by May 16, on condition that the British received priority of port services.

A Reuter despatch from Damascus stated that the Arabs were ready for total war, and added that the Arab League, the past fortnight, had earmarked ample funds and war material for the Palestine campaign, and that King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia had assured the other members of the League that he will back their action to "liberate" Palestine.

The Arab League has decided, it was reliably learned, in Damascus tonight, that Haj Amin El-Husseini, the Mufti, and several other members of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee, should make their headquarters somewhere in Palestine before May 16.

Informal sources said Arab irregulars in Palestine, who have hitherto operated loosely under various commands, will now be under a single authority, to be known as "Headquarters of the Jihad." This includes the Liberation Army, whose field commander in Palestine is Fawzi El Kawukji.

Increased British and American pressure on the Arab Government to desist from throwing their regular armies into the Palestine struggle was reported in Damascus tonight.

Tug-of-War

At the same time, popular clamour for effective intervention is growing hourly. A real tug-of-war is going on inside each Arab Cabinet, according to political observers, who add they have no doubt the Government will eventually give way to the wishes of their people.

Haganah forces are reported tonight to be in virtual control of the heights dominating the Bab El Wad road block on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway.

Late tonight, only the sound of sporadic fighting sounded over the Judean Hills as a Jewish combined operational force of Haganah and Palmach (Haganah Commandos), estimated at about 1,000 strong, consolidated their hilltop positions.

Unless the Arabs counter-attack tonight, the Jews are expected to be able to blast the road open and keep it open indefinitely.

Jews Repulsed

Earlier today, a few hours before the High Commissioner was due to begin talks with the Jewish Agency on the Government's new peace plan for Jerusalem, the Arabs beat off determined attacks by 400 Haganah Commandos only 14 miles from the Holy City.

Crack Jewish forces swooped down on the Arab village of Beit Mahal, which dominates the Arab road block at Bab El Wad, but later, after fierce fighting, were repulsed by 600 Arabs, an official British source told Reuter's special correspondent.

Last night, when the Jews first struck, they were reported to have taken several strategic hill-top positions.

Haganah military headquarters were silent about the operation, but a semi-official Jewish source said the Jews hoped to clear the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road today or tomorrow.—Reuter.

LABOUR'S RICHEST MAN ATTACKS GOVERNMENT

Leeds, May 10.

Mr. Alfred Edwards, Labour Member of Parliament who is due to appear before his Party's Executive this week for expected disciplinary action because he opposed nationalisation of Britain's steel industry, tonight intensified his campaign.

"To threaten steel with interference is just sheer madness," he asserted at a meeting of the Engineering Industries Association.

Debate On Nenni Telegram

London, May 10.

At the request of Mr. John Platts-Mills, expelled from the Labour Party as chief instigator of a telegram of support from Labour members to the pro-Communist Nenni Socialists in Italy, Thursday's House of Commons debate on the subject has been postponed.

Mr. Platts-Mills wishes to be present at the debate but cannot do so on Thursday because he has promised to address constituents.

The Government agreed to a postponement until after the Whitsun recess starting on Friday and concluding on May 24.

The debate will be on an opposition motion for a Parliamentary inquiry into how Members' names were added to the telegram without their permission.—Reuter.

Army Censorship In Palestine

London, May 11.

Military censorship is interfering with press and radio coverage of Middle East developments in the Arab-Jewish war for Palestine.

An Associated Press survey showed censorship existing in Syria and the Lebanon where all foreign correspondents' dispatches must pass through the hands of censors.

In Palestine, Haganah, the Jewish defence force, censors all Jewish papers paying most attention to reports of military operations but also keeping an eye open for political developments.

Only instances of Haganah censorship of foreign correspondents' dispatches have been on stories they had previously agreed to submit before starting on field or operational trips with Haganah forces.

Associated Press correspondents have submitted several such stories and so far Haganah censors have made no changes or deletions.

Associated Press correspondents sitting from Amman have been free to cable their stories without interference but have been threatened repeatedly with expulsion if they write unfavourably about the Government.—Associated Press.

London, May 11.
Sir John Torlton, British former High Commissioner of India and a friend of the late Mahatma Gandhi, died on Sunday. He was 72.—Associated Press.

Talks On The Sudan

Cairo, May 10.

Anglo-Egyptian talks on the constitutional future of the Sudan will begin here in the next few days between the British Ambassador, Sir Ronald Campbell, and the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Ahmed Khahaba.

This follows consideration by the Egyptian Cabinet of the latest British note on the Sudan, which was considered "satisfactory."—Reuter.

Bao Dai Approves Proposal

Saigon, May 11.

It was learned in Saigon on Monday that Annam's ex-Emperor, Bao Dai, has informed the French he approves of the proposal to set up a provisional Central Viet Nam Government.

(Such a government presumably would unite French-sponsored local administrations which the anti-French Vietnamese call "puppet governments").

The ex-Emperor added, however, that he would not go to Viet Nam before the French-Vietnamese treaty was signed and until French-Annamite warfare ended.

The French High Commissioner, Emile Bultet, is expected to fly to Hanoi, off the North Indo-China coast, at the end of this week to sign the preliminary protocol with the ex-Emperor.—Associated Press.

Red Cross To Protect Jerusalem

Jerusalem, May 10.

Arabs and Jews agreed in principle tonight to put the city of Jerusalem under the protection of the flags of the International Red Cross as an inviolable sanctuary in the heart of warring Palestine.

M. Jacques de Reynier, the International Red Cross delegate in Palestine, told a press conference that formal assurances from Arabs and Jews were expected within a few days, and that Red Cross flags would be flown from all the gates of the city to signify that it will have become a demilitarised area and a "place of refuge."

Verbal acceptance had already, he said, come from King Abdullah of Transjordan, Haj Amin El-Husseini, the Mufti of Jerusalem, Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha, the Secretary General of the Arab League, Dr. Elizer Kaplan, the Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, and from leaders of Haganah, Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Gang.—Reuter.

Campaign On Deadly Tsetse

London, May 11.

A campaign to rid East Africa of the tsetse fly will be recommended to the British Government by Mr. Rees-Williams, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Colonies, the Colonial Office said today.

The fly spreads sleeping sickness to man and beast. Rees-Williams, who returned last week from a tour of Uganda, Tanganyika and Kenya, the Colonial Office said, has decided that the elimination of the tsetse fly was necessary before any planned development of East Africa could be carried out.

He said the problem was too large for any one colony to undertake and would require international action. The cooperation of Belgium in particular, it was said, would be sought by the Colonial Office. The project would include spraying from the air with insecticides and the clearance of thousands of acres of bush.—Associated Press.

HARRIMAN IN PARIS

Paris, May 10.

Averell W. Harriman, United States Marshall Plan Ambassador, arrived at Orly airport, Paris, today from London.

He will confer with members of the European Economic Cooperation body during his stay, expected to last until Wednesday.—Reuter.

SOME ACHE

London, May 11.

Richard Williams, 43-year-old porter, told a judge today that he stole and drank 74 bottles of gin in the last three months to relieve a persistent stomach ache. The judge let him off with a £5 fine.—Associated Press.

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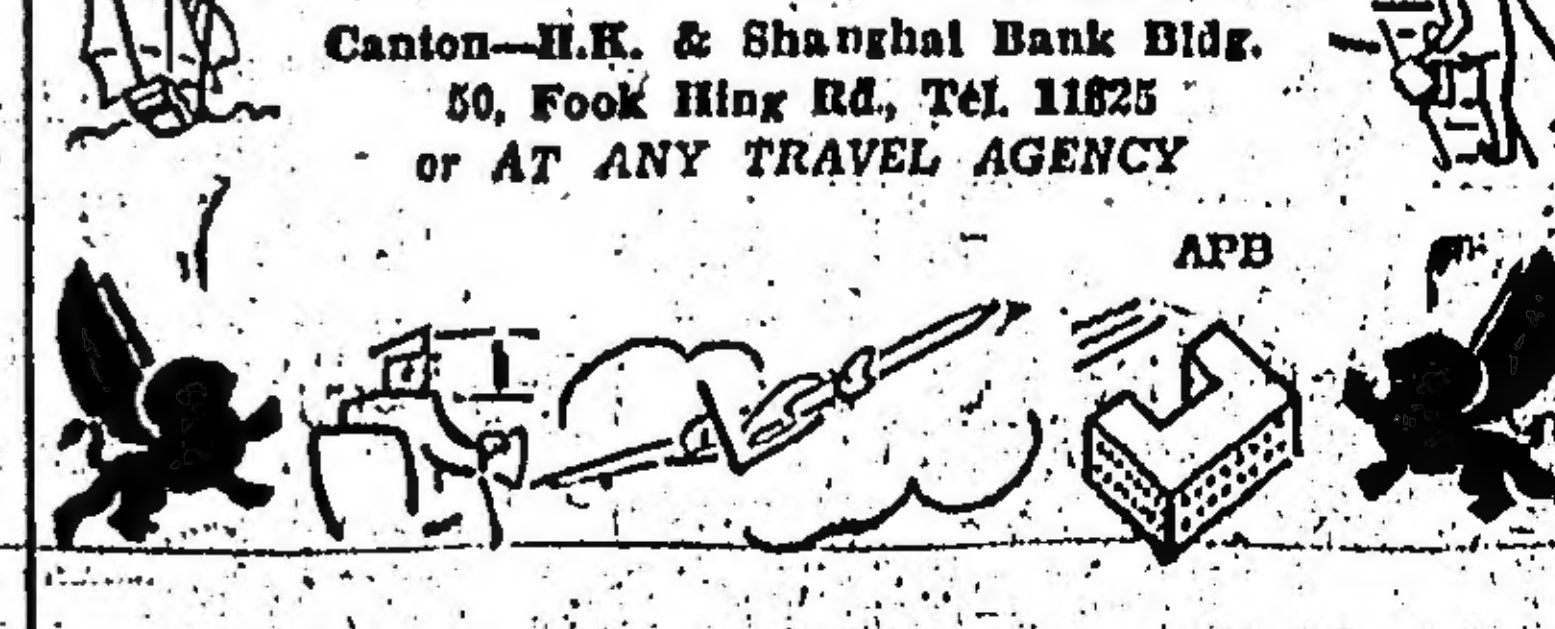
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The America I now say goodbye to for five weeks looks like this:

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Its shops are jammed, its stomachs full, its railways and roads crowded. Its citizens earn at least three times as much as before the war. It is terrifically strong and brimming with vigour. It is happy. It is not. It is riddled with insecurities and anxieties. Some nights it cannot sleep, and it dare not take a nap during the day.

The more powerful it grows, the more deadly the weapons it develops, the more apprehensive it becomes.

No one so far has been able to diagnose the tensions and fears. All honest men admit them.

During the past few days the nervous has become more acute. The Russian spectre is haunting-in the house of power, but there is a whole company of other nerves, neurologies, and ghosts.

Worry over what Britain will do is mounting, and now the richest and most influential are beginning to read strange motives and compulsions into what we say and do.

There have been frequent American reports from London of British bitterness and antagonism toward the U.S., and occasional charges that some British correspondents and columnists stationed in New York are hostile. Thus the fear complex fattens, the jitter, set more prevalent, and the American dream becomes a delirium.

Behind The Curtain

On the surface in New York and other cities you do not see any signs of panic. There is frenzied activity, strident noise, a hectic rushing and pushing, but that is nothing new.

The hurrying, bustling people glance at the headlines which say: "U.S. now able to build missiles to reach any point on earth," and "U.S. secretly tests atom weapon," then switch their interest to the baseball and racing news.

Measure-seeking is at a peak. The cinemas, theatres, restaurants, cabarets, howling alleys, shooting galleries are thronged.

The money supply remains limited, and Wall-street reports stocks at their highest points since August 1946. Prosperity parades the city. It strolls the town in the persons of exquisitely dressed women and well-fed men. It rakes glossy limousines and arrives and departs in cushioned Pullman cars. The bars listen and dazzle. The shop counters gleam and wink. This is rainbow-land with a pot of gold at every turning.

But behind the golden-dollar-decorated curtain there is worry. You see it, sometimes in the strained faces and hear it often in casual conversation.

The cabdriver says: "I can't last bud. Prices keep on going up and up. A dollar don't mean nothin' no more."

The barman says: "Mebbe we are out to take a crack at them flossies before they get the bomb. Bent him up before they know what's hit 'em. That's why I say they'll get us if we don't get them first."

Worry, fear, distress. Then I call for another beer and eye-and-soul to wool and blanket the apprehension.

The fact that it is presidential election year, the belief that the present men in power are certain to be discarded, adds to the tension. There will be no normality until the polls have spoken, and probably not then. Currently the S's (Shassens) troops are going into action and Governor Dewey and Senator Taft are throwing roadblocks across the young Minnesaplan's victory march.

President Truman still professes confidence in his own chances, but cluttered by ghost-writers, confused by cronies, he is getting nowhere. The jet-black, dark horses, the eccentric vegetarians, the New Deal Democrats, the New Guard Republicans whose names mean nothing to you have almost as much chance as the harassed man in the White House.

Pride And Prejudice

Hollywood this week asserted that British criticism of its films has become especially acid. Some producers here consider that their pictures are getting a worse Press than at any time in the past ten years.

There is an unfortunate belief here that anti-American feeling is growing in Great Britain and that this prejudice is being directed particularly against U.S. films.

I think that the alleged anti-American sentiment is being exaggerated in the entertainment industry as in everything else. If our public had deep-rooted objections to starred-and-striped performers it would hardly be revealing the Palladium and pouring our pounds to see American show folk.

Pool Upsets

The Americans are also arguing among themselves about the dollar pool established under the new agreement. What started out to be a friendly give-and-take in talks among M-G-M, 20th Century-Fox, and Warner Bros. has become heated argument with no reason reached. One against Eric Johnston has to be called in to iron out matters.

I hope our top entertainment men are aware of the tremendous strides Americans are taking in

television and that we are not being left behind. The other day Paramount announced that they will soon start full-screen cinema television coverage of big news and sports events.

Other companies are expected to follow suit. It won't be long before every cinema has its own television show, just as practically every bar and grill in New York and points west has its special television set. The industry, a feeble toddler for so long, is growing muscles.

We seem to be on the ball at least as far as colour pictures are concerned, and the Cinecolor organization here plans to build a big colour factory in England.

Despite talk of economy and ruthless firings of little people, the big names are still getting big money.

Ulling Crosby's new contract makes him the highest-paid actor ever. He will make 18 pictures for Paramount over the next ten years and will receive bonuses and a percentage of the gross as well as a salary of around a quarter of a million dollars per picture.

Our actresses have had a good week here. Beatrice Little is triumphant in "Inside U.S.A." although the show could be better. She is hardly off the stage and shows astonishing versatility.

Florence Desmond is a resounding hit at the Plaza—the most impressive British impressionist sent here for years.

And Vivien Leigh is being praised for her performance in the film "Anna Karenina."

The men haven't been doing so well, and "Macbeth" has closed down, which is bad news for Michael Redgrave.

Frederick Lonsdale, now, reviving "The Last of Mrs. Cheyne," plans no new plays and seems to be turning towards British critics. There are not many playwrights, and few actors, who can stomach harsh notices.

Clark Able Again

Clark Gable's leg ailment is now declared by doctors to be 90 per cent. cured. He does not walk with a limp but cannot do any vigorous vaulting and hurdling in the Fairbanks manner.

Deborah Kerr's husband, Tony Bartley, a new friend of mind, will be writer and associate producer for Frederick Brissson—Carl's son and Rosalind Russell's husband.

Winston Churchill's niece Clarissa is in town publicising "Anna Karenina" and writing film scripts.

Canada's ice-skating wonder girl, Barbara Ann Scott, will try to duplicate Sonja Henie's Hollywood success.

Footnote: Twisting British newspaper tales will only result in further ruffling of the American eagle's feathers. See you in Southampton.

**GERMAN
STRIKE
SPREADS**

Frankfurt, May 10.

Thousands more German railwaymen, dockers and factory workers today joined the 11-day old strike in Bizonia protesting against the food shortage, while works meetings in Lower Saxony were considering a motion to call off the whole strike on Wednesday.

They are demanding ration equality for all the Bizonia States, and they have been told this may be introduced in July.

Dockers who came out at Linden harbour, this morning said their strike was for two days only.

More than 7,000 railwaymen in the Munich area, including maintenance shops and station employees, failed to report for duty today.

Munich was still without tramway service today, but the Lord Mayor, Dr. Karl Schenckel, addressed a hopeful appeal to the 2,000 striking motormen and conductors—to return, telling them "they could not succeed."

Locomotive works strikers at Kassel went back to work today on the orders of their union leaders, but in Munich 14,000 motorcar electrical and building workers are out.

At a machine factory at Esslingen, in the Ruhr, 2,000 workers downed tools today.—Reuter.

**Plan For
Germany
Opposed**

London, May 10.

Responsible diplomatic sources reported today that strong opposition—particularly from the French—had been raised against major features of an American plan for putting Western Germany financially on its feet.

The differences brought a hurried huddle of the chiefs of the United States, British and French delegations to the six-power conference in London on Western Germany's future.

The big three powers sought a compromise between speeding Germany's industrial recovery and keeping it from dominating the continent's economy.

The results of the session were kept secret but upon its outcome may depend how far the Western powers conference, which are participating the Benelux countries, can go in using Western Germany's resources as a unit for Europe's recovery.—Associated Press.



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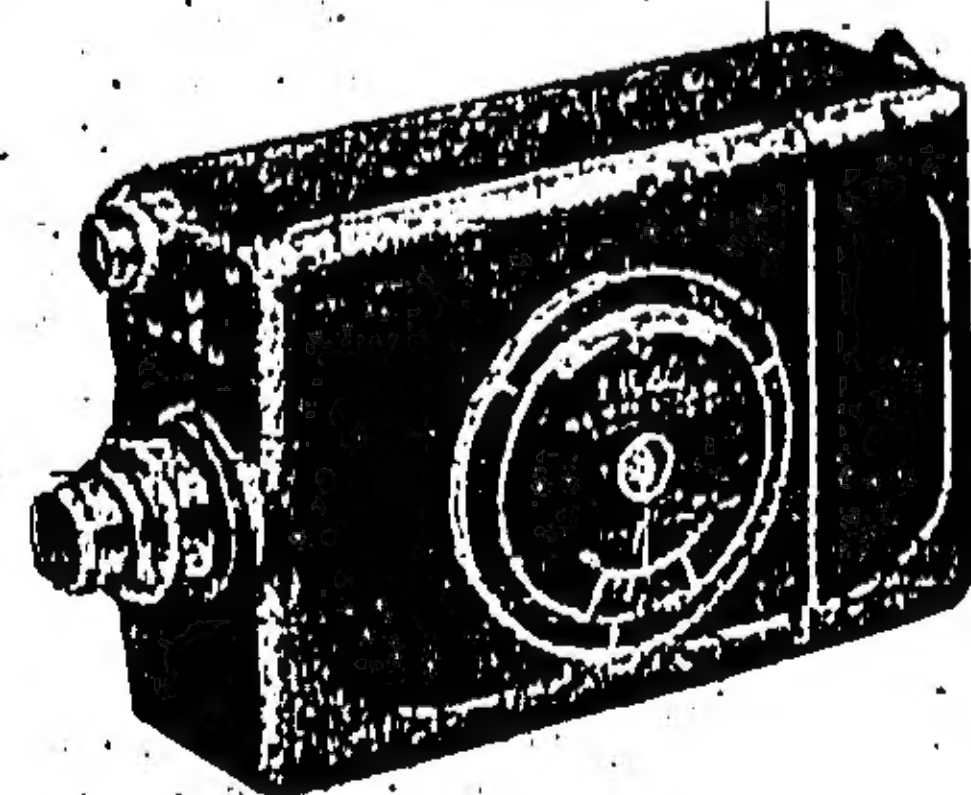
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Seoul, May 10.

Twenty-five people were killed today in American-occupied South Korea, where widespread murders, bomb explosions and sabotage accompanied the first elections in the country's 4,000 years of recorded history.

In clashes before the elections, 66 people were killed and 30 wounded.

Yet 85 to 90 per cent of the seven million electors had voted when the polls closed tonight, in spite of attempts to wreck the elections.

Lieutenant General John Hodge, commanding the American occupation forces, said the capture of Communist plans to upset the elections had enabled the police to take adequate steps to prevent mass terrorism.

No reports were available from officials of the United Nations Commission, most of whom left Seoul at the week-end to watch the voting in the remote centres of South Korea, but there was no evidence to show that they would declare the elections invalid.

Death Squad

The police surprised a crowd of 500 near Tasegu armed with rifles and wearing headbands with the inscription "Death Squadron." The police killed two and arrested one, while the others escaped.

Tonight, the streets of Seoul lacked their normal crowds as the city's 1,200,000 citizens served the 9:00 p.m. curfew after a tense election day.

Heavily armed police patrolled the streets of the sprawling city, fully equipped to deal with any disturbances.

Yellow police trucks, bristling with armed men, sped through the city at intervals, carrying voting boxes to the central counting points.

Anyone entering these headquarters was meticulously searched for weapons by men or women officials.

Town Attacked

Significant of the tenacious of the atmosphere was the fact that by nearly 8:00 p.m. only one man had ventured to inspect the large board before the capital giving early returns.

Terrorists, who today attacked the town of Kaesong, near the border of Soviet-occupied North Korea along the 38th Parallel, were members of the Communist-directed North Korea "People's Army," according to reports received by the Seoul Municipal Headquarters.

Captain Sheg Be-Yoon, chief of the Kaesong police said the attackers, numbering 70, wore the uniform of the People's Army and carried rifles.—Reuter.

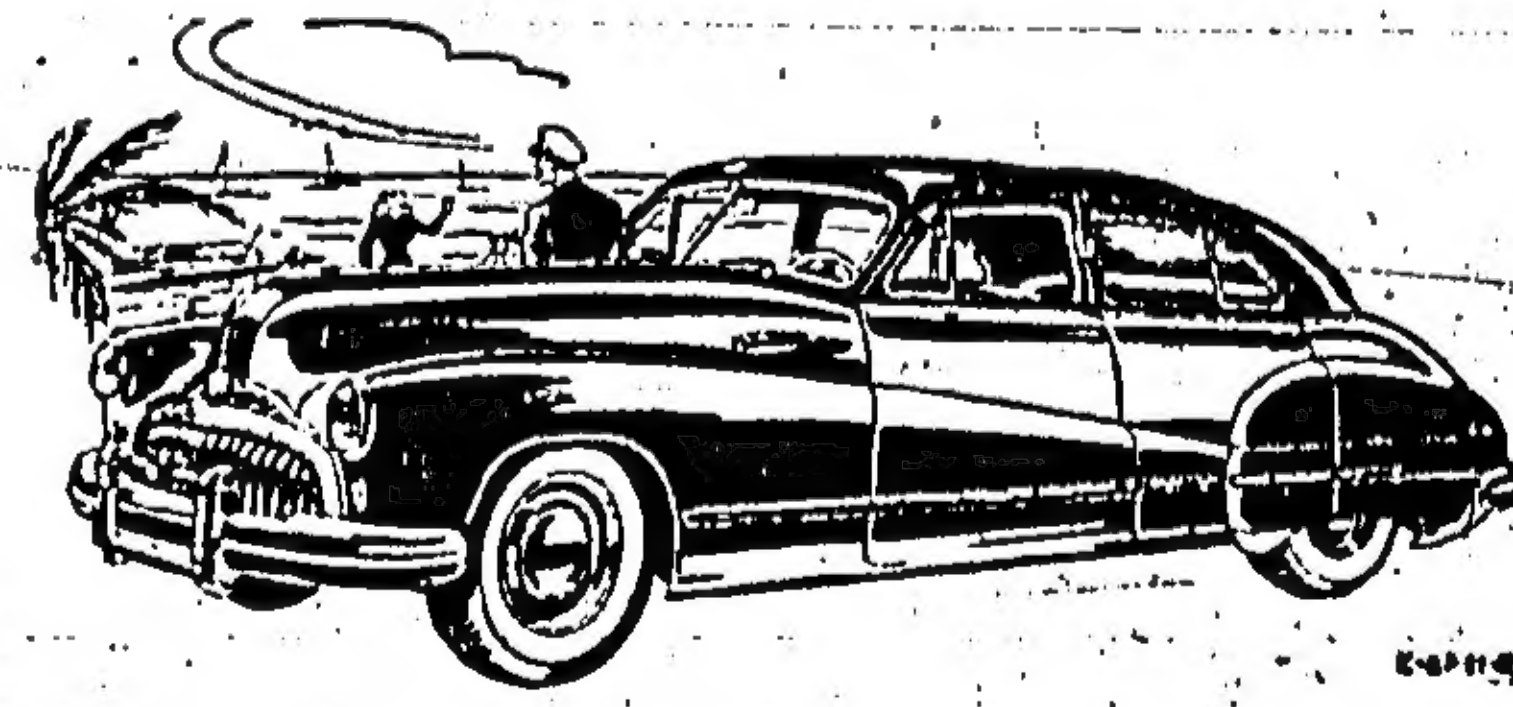
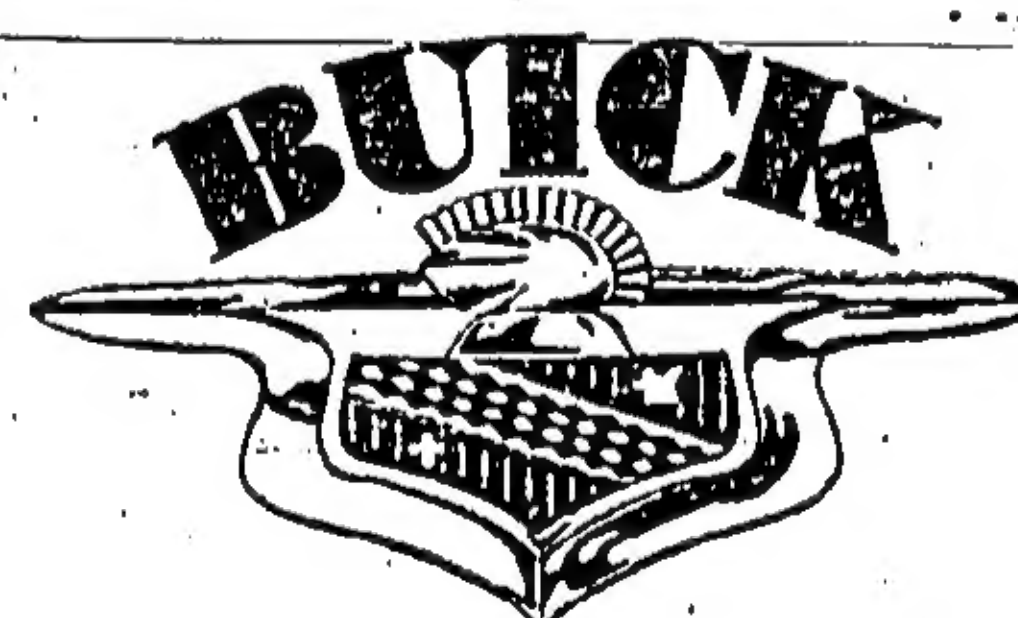
**TOURISTS IN
BRITAIN**

London, May 10.

The Norwegian Ambassador Preben Prebenzen said in London today that his country had decided to allow Norwegian tourists to visit England.

The British Treasury, commenting on the statement, said it indicated that Norway had lifted its restrictions on imports from Britain, including tourist travel which is classified as an import.

A British delegation seeking an import agreement with Norway left Oslo a few days ago.—Associated Press.



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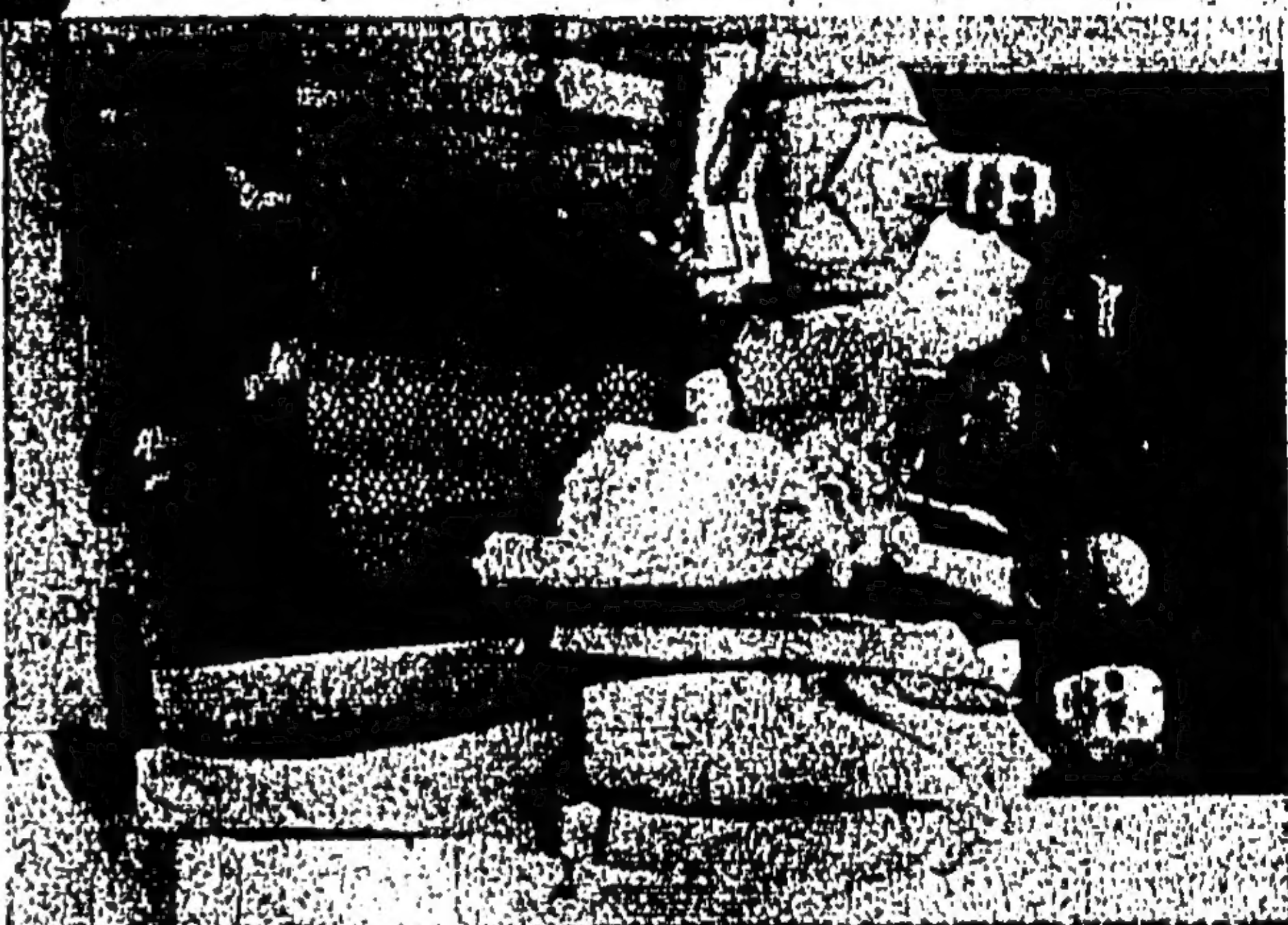
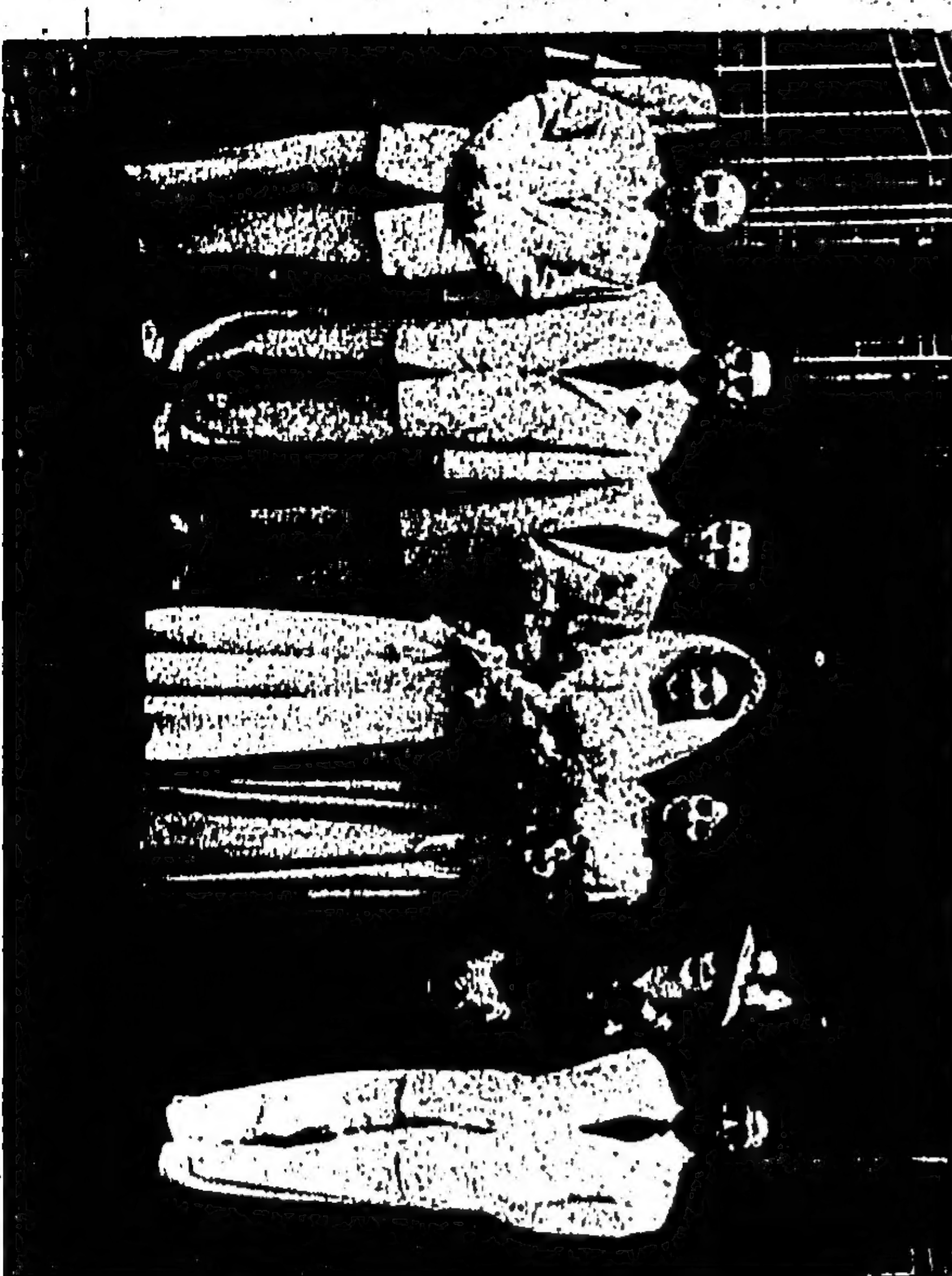
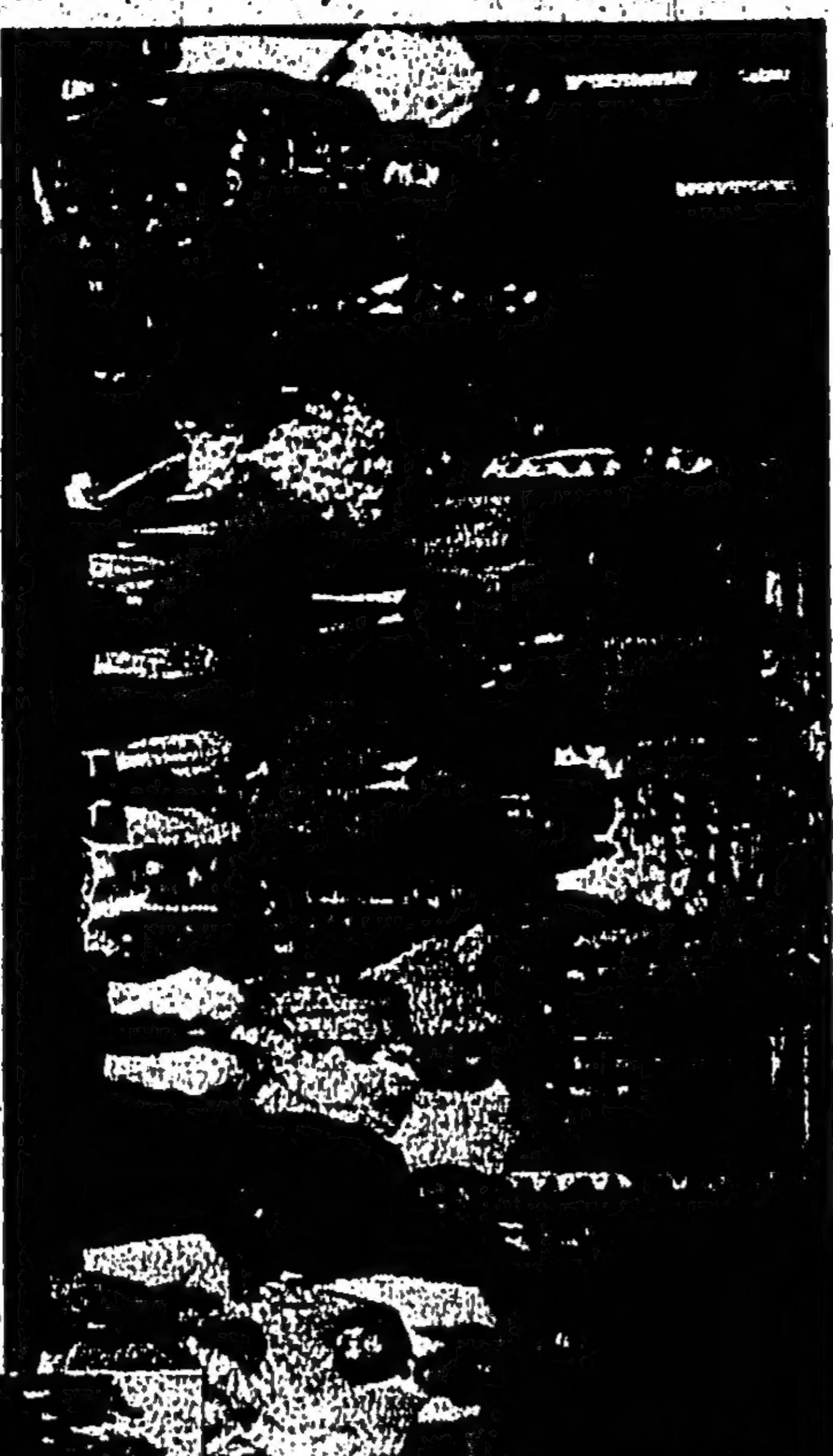
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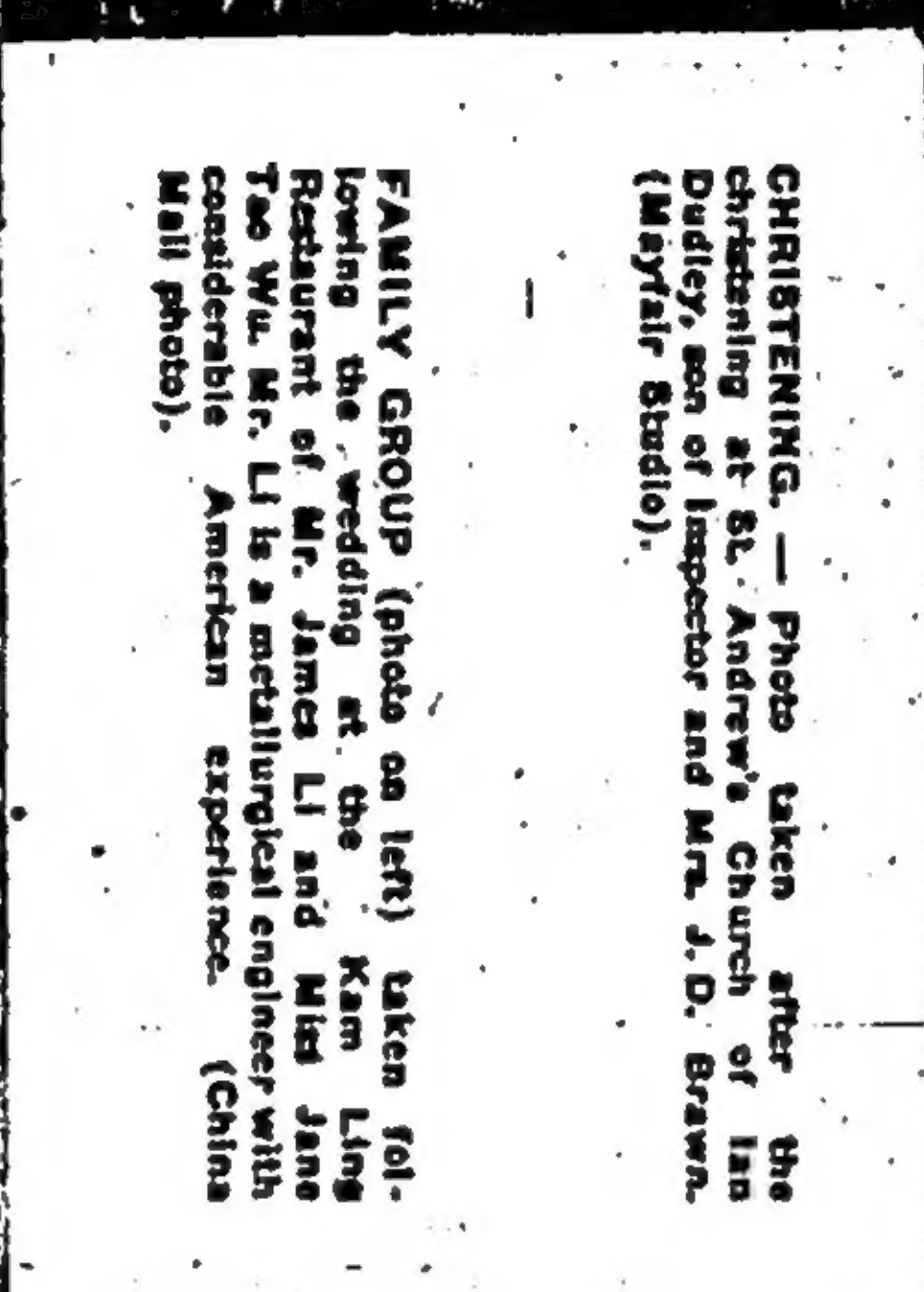
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ROSAVY CHURCH wedding. Group taken after the marriage of Miss Winifred Ho and Mr. A. C. Xavier. (Mayfair photo).



CHRISTENING. — Photo taken after the christening at St. Andrew's Church of Ian Dudley, son of Inspector and Mrs. J. D. Brown. (Mayfair Studio).



FAMILY GROUP (photo on left) taken following the wedding at the Kam Ling Restaurant of Mr. James Li and Miss Jane Tso Wu. Mr. Li is a metallurgical engineer with considerable American experience. (China Mail photo).



HAPPY BIRTHDAY—Photograph taken at the party given on the occasion of the sixth birthday of Ruby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K.M.A. Barnett. (Golden Studio).

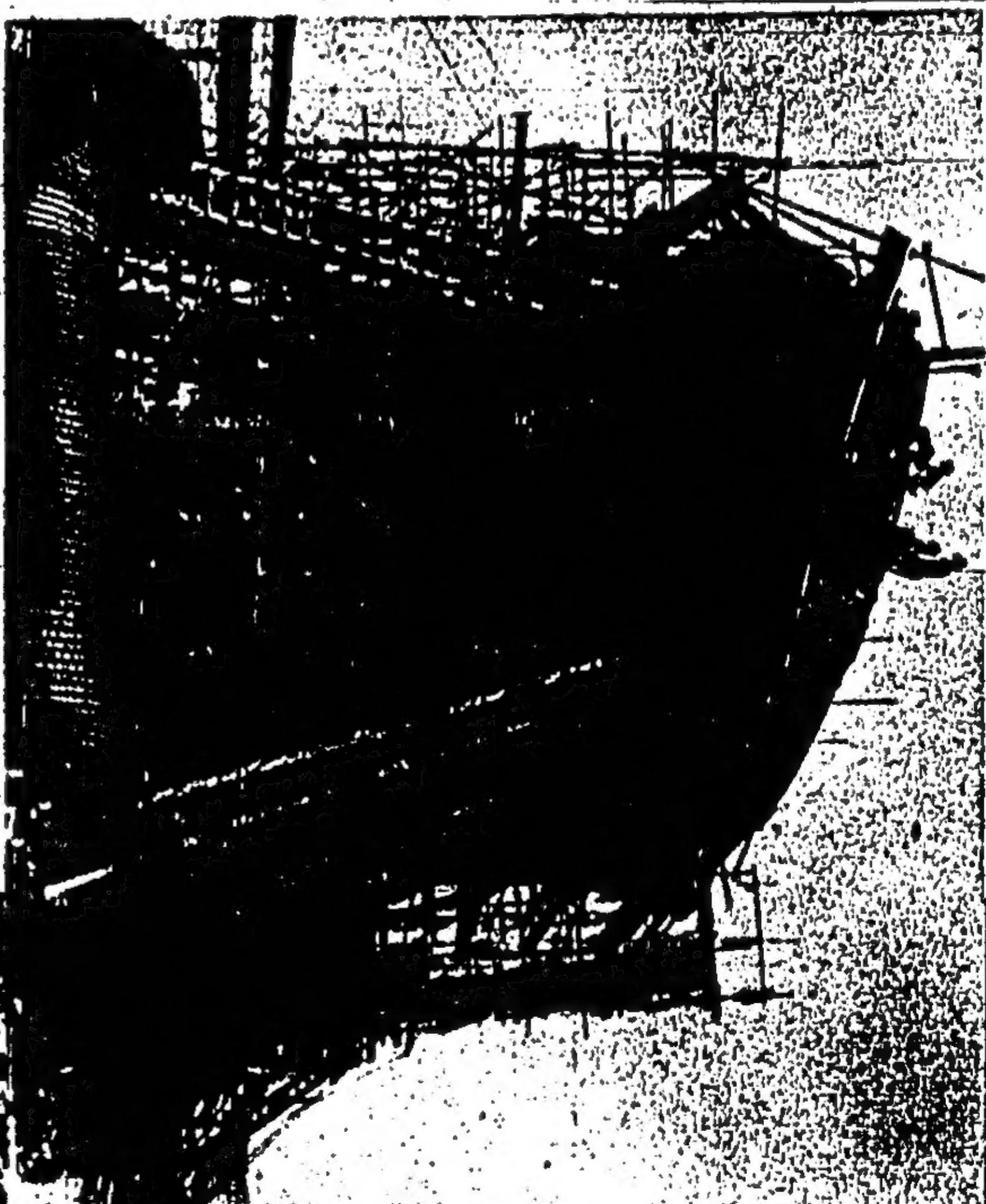
MARRIED—A group photograph (left) taken after the wedding at the Chinese Methodist Church, Wan-chai, of Mr. Harold Clarence Leong and Miss Lilian Lenora Soon. (Golden Studio).

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A HOSPITAL FOR SHIPS

The hive of activity which is Taikeo Dockyard seen through the eyes of the camera. On the right is one of the Dock's important features, a Sub-Station where three Rotary Converters transform current coming in at 6,600 volts to 250 volts D.C., the standard at present being used at Taikeo. A Diesel generator for A.C. supply can be seen in the background.



A bow section for a damaged 4,000-ton tanker in the course of erection. This section will be riveted to the parent ship on the slipway.



A 4,000-ton tanker in dry-dock. As soon as the ship is raised from the slipway, the ship will be raised with a beam of 545 feet.



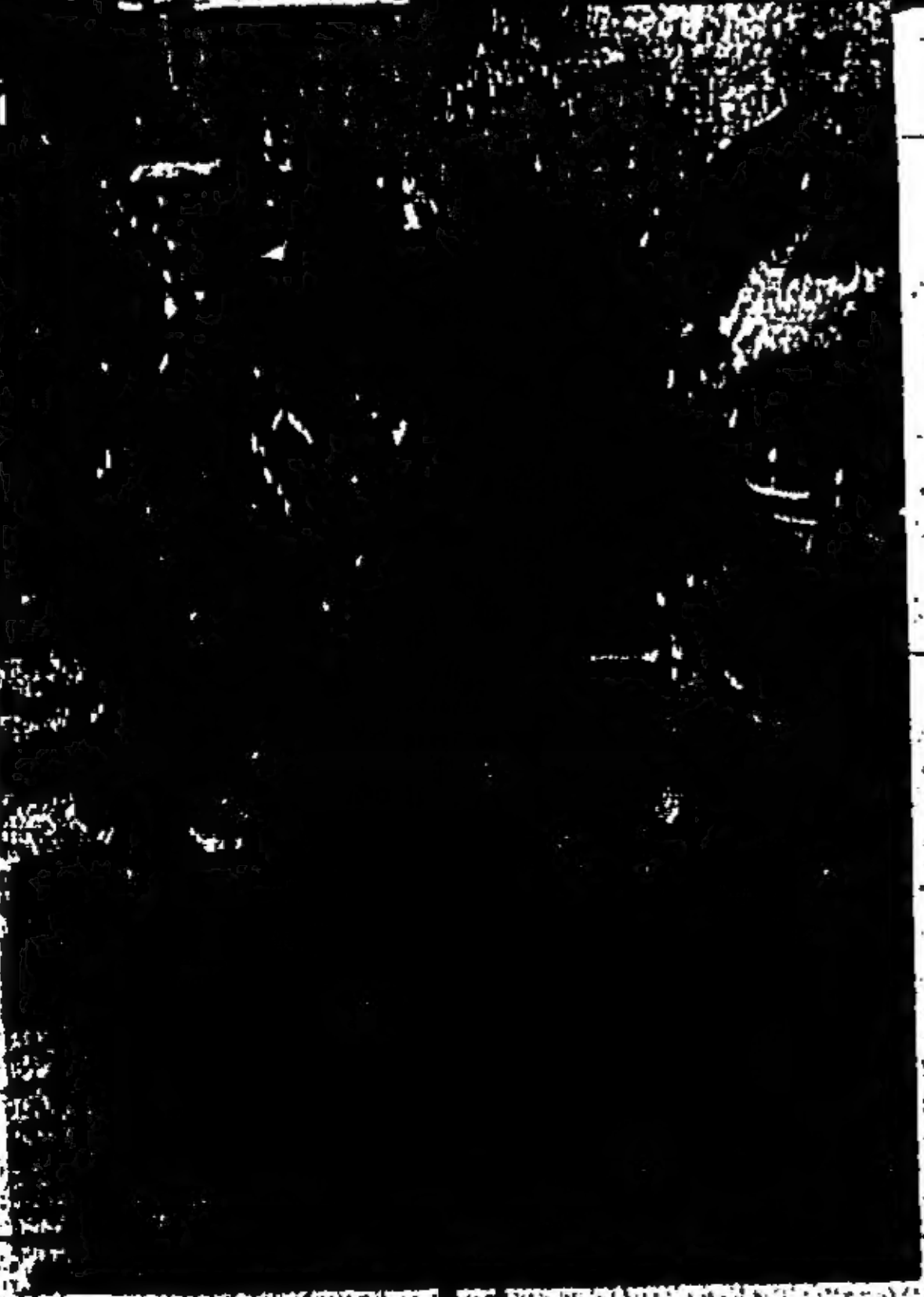
A section of the Electrical Shop showing (see left) riveting of small armatures in progress.

Below, a batch of 8-inch bore steel pipes in the welding shop. In short supply, the Dock fabricates these pipes for water mains.

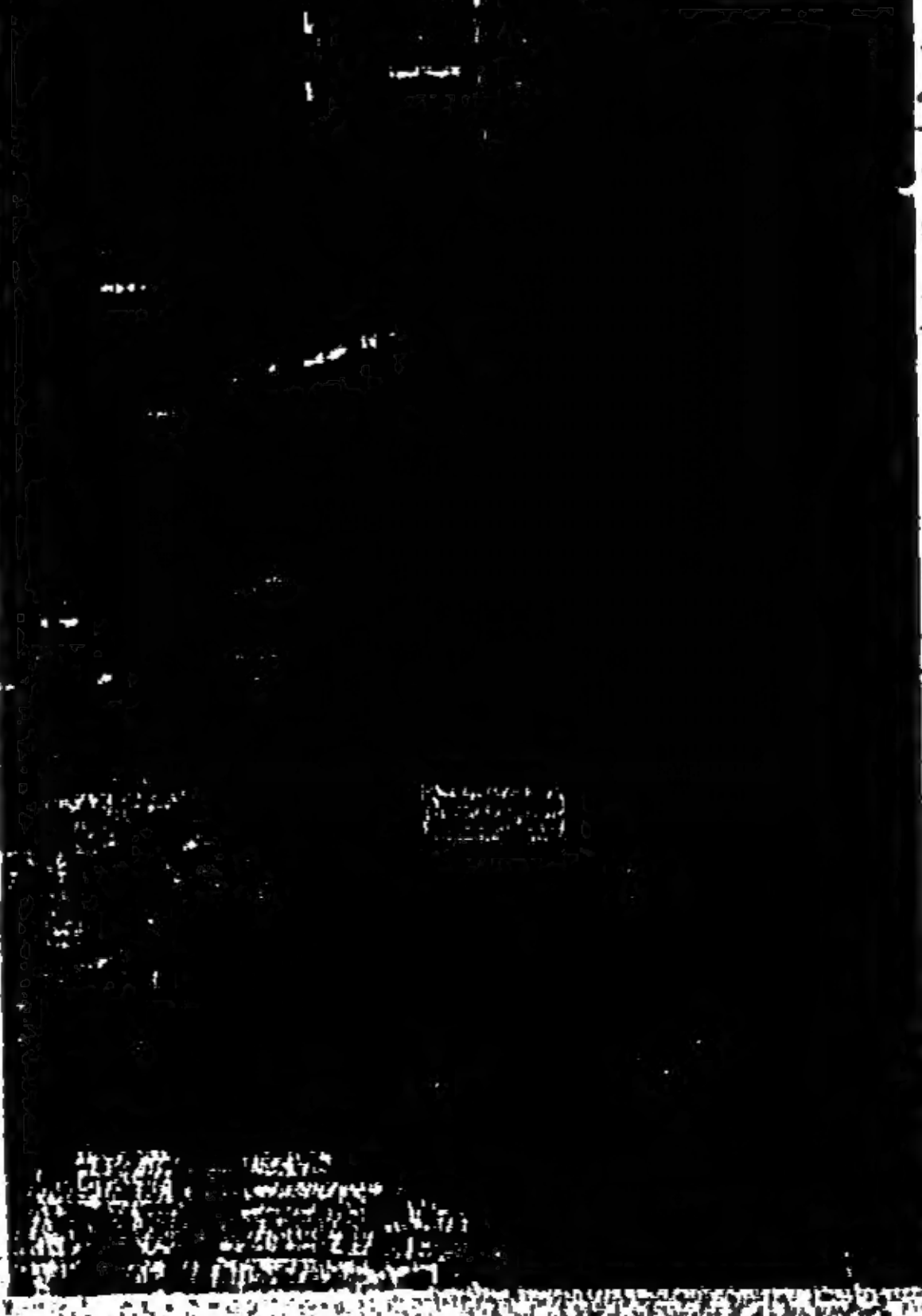


Cutting a propeller air sparker by dry-acting machine. The propeller head can be seen automatically following the line of the sparker template on the cutting table. Prices up to 6 inches can be cut by this machine.

THE TOUR OF TAKOO



A section of the light machine shop showing a battery of motor-driven lathes recently installed.



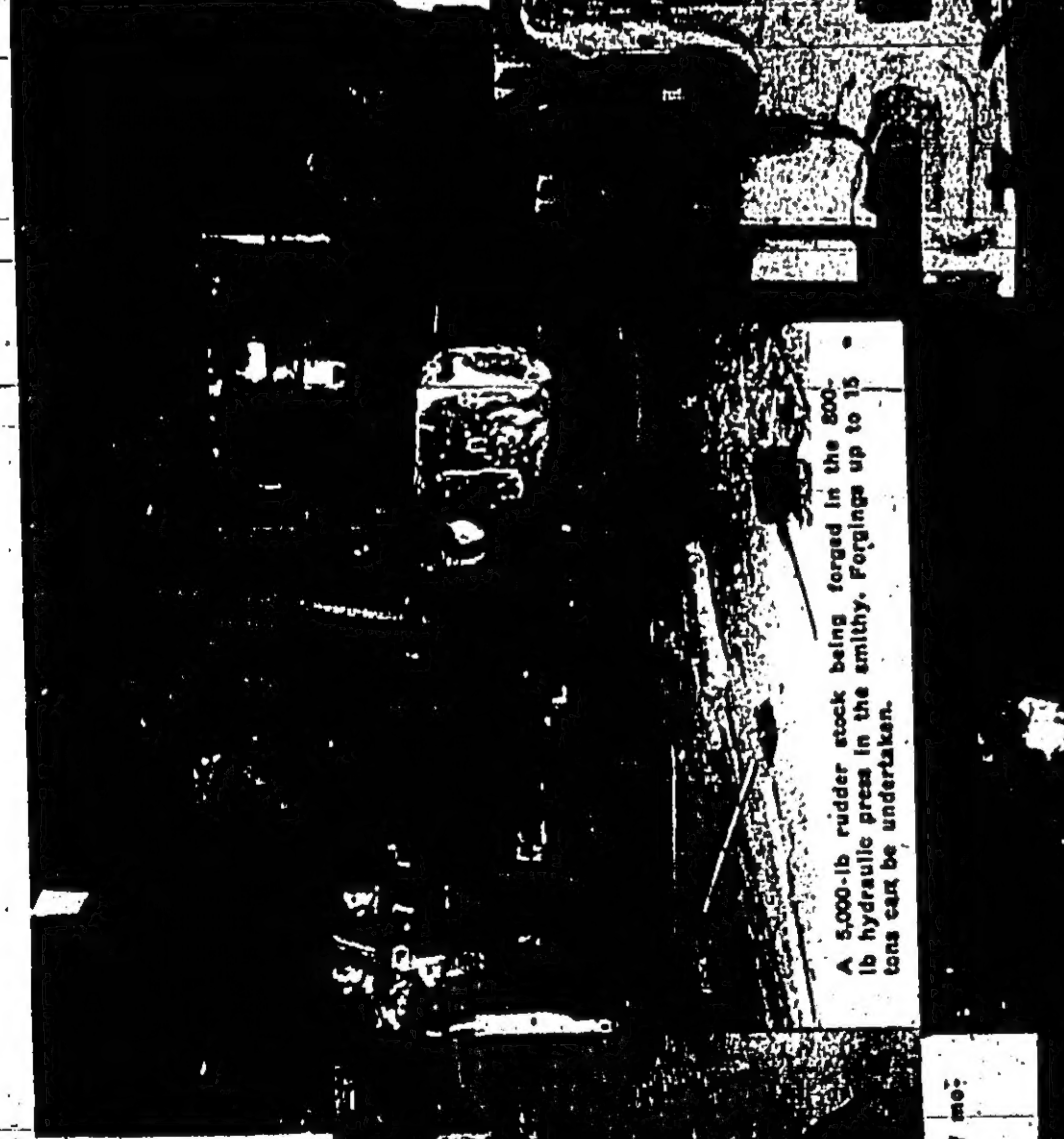
A group of small vertical boring and turning lathes in the Heavy Machine Shop. A beam pump liner can be seen in the foreground.



A general view of the dockyard, by Francis Wu, showing the slipways. The drydock can take vessels from 2,000 to 4,000 tons, which are hoisted up by winches fitted at the top of the slipways. Except where otherwise noted, all photographs were taken by the "China Mail" photographer.

HONG KONG SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION DINNER-DANCE

ALL THE FANS were present at the Softball dinner-dance on May 1. Photo on right gives a general view of the dancing in the gymnasium. (Francis Wu)



A 5,000-lb rudder stock being forged in the 800-lb hydraulic press in the smithy. Forgings up to 15 tons can be undertaken.



A body for a large shearing and punching machine for a Hong Kong firm being machined in a vertical planer.



An L. P. turbine cylinder in the fitting shop in preparation for blade renewal.

A view of the fitting shop, lower left. A large rudder is shown under repair.

Pouring molten metal in the iron foundry for casting a cylinder. When this picture was taken 2,000 lbs. of iron were poured in about 90 seconds. Takoo Dockyard photo.



WINNERS of the "China Mail" Shield gather after presentation of the trophy. (Francis Wu)



VERSATILE "Jindoo" Hussain elaps during the cabaret show, as a change from diamond-play. (Francis Wu)



PRESIDENT of the Association, Doo Mei, then welcoming the guests at the Softball Association wind-up dance. (Francis Wu)

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A 'REMARKABLE ADVENTURE'

Churchill On The Congress Of Europe

Preventing The Thunder Of War

The Hague, May 10.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Britain's wartime Prime Minister, speaking at the closing stages of the Congress of Europe here tonight, declared: "I think we may congratulate ourselves on the success of a remarkable adventure."

"Agreement on the essentials of human society and freedom will make our gathering a success. Disagreement will make it a failure."

Mr. Churchill continued: "We have many foes all over the world. I speak for all here. There are many outside those who are represented here, many forces at work which would destroy even our right to meet here to discuss our differences among ourselves."

"Let us be very careful to gather all these forces which we can unite, all those forces which are in our hearts, and let us confront all those who have wished to sabotage this Congress—and they are in many countries—with the fact that the will of the great majority of well-meaning people will eventually prevail over all efforts to rupture and destroy it."

"Now we are in a far more grim and dangerous age. One of the objects which brought us here today is to prevent the thunder of war and terrorism and regimentation from silencing the discussions of decent people meeting together to find the best way out of the difficulties of the human race. We must pull together. The Congress of Europe will be famous in the history of Europe if you all unite to make it so," Mr. Churchill added. "Let everyone reserve any differences he has. These matters can be honed out in every country."

Jet Planes In U.S. Navy

New York, May 10. A squadron of 450-miles an hour twin-engine jet fighters has passed landing tests and joined the United States Navy. The planes are Phantoms with a ceiling of 38,000 feet and a range of more than 1,000 miles.—Reuter.

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"It is with the realities that we have to deal, Mr. Attlee said. 'Europe must federate or perish. That is a distant ideal. But we here must unite or scatter from this hall as a poor wretched mass of discordant individuals.'"

"We stand together far above party, class or national differences. We stand together for the great cause of a United Europe which holds out its hands in brotherhood, in consultation with the great United States of America," Mr. Churchill concluded.—Reuter.

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CONGRESS VOTES FOR EUROPE ASSEMBLY

The Hague, May 10.

The Congress of Europe today voted in favour of setting up a "European Deliberative Assembly" to advise upon the economic and political union of Europe.

The proposal, first made by Mr. Winston Churchill, Britain's wartime Prime Minister, when he opened the Congress last week, was contained in a resolution drawn up at a night-long session of the Political Committee.

The resolution said the Assembly should establish courts of justice "with adequate sanctions" to enforce the Charter. The European Union, it declared, should be open to all European nations "democratically governed" and "undertaking to respect a Charter of Human Rights."

It laid down that Germany should be included in a Federalized Europe, which should aim at improving the economic, political and social standards in "dependent or associated territories." M. Paul Ramadier, former French Premier, explaining the proposals, as Chairman of the Political Committee, told delegates: "We are starting from sovereign national Governments, which are going to yield a part of their sovereignty for its exercise in common."

There was no desire to exclude and people. Final decisions would remain in the hands of Governments, which alone had the authority to band together in a union, he said. M. Ramadier claimed that the greatest possible stress on the vital points needing prompt action.

The supporters of a United Europe would do nothing detrimental to the United Nations Organisation. "It is within its rules that we intend to progress, but nations are too exhausted and world security is too uncertain to make excuses for equivocation and obstruction," he said. M. Paul Reynaud (France), who, during the Committee discussions, had advocated asking

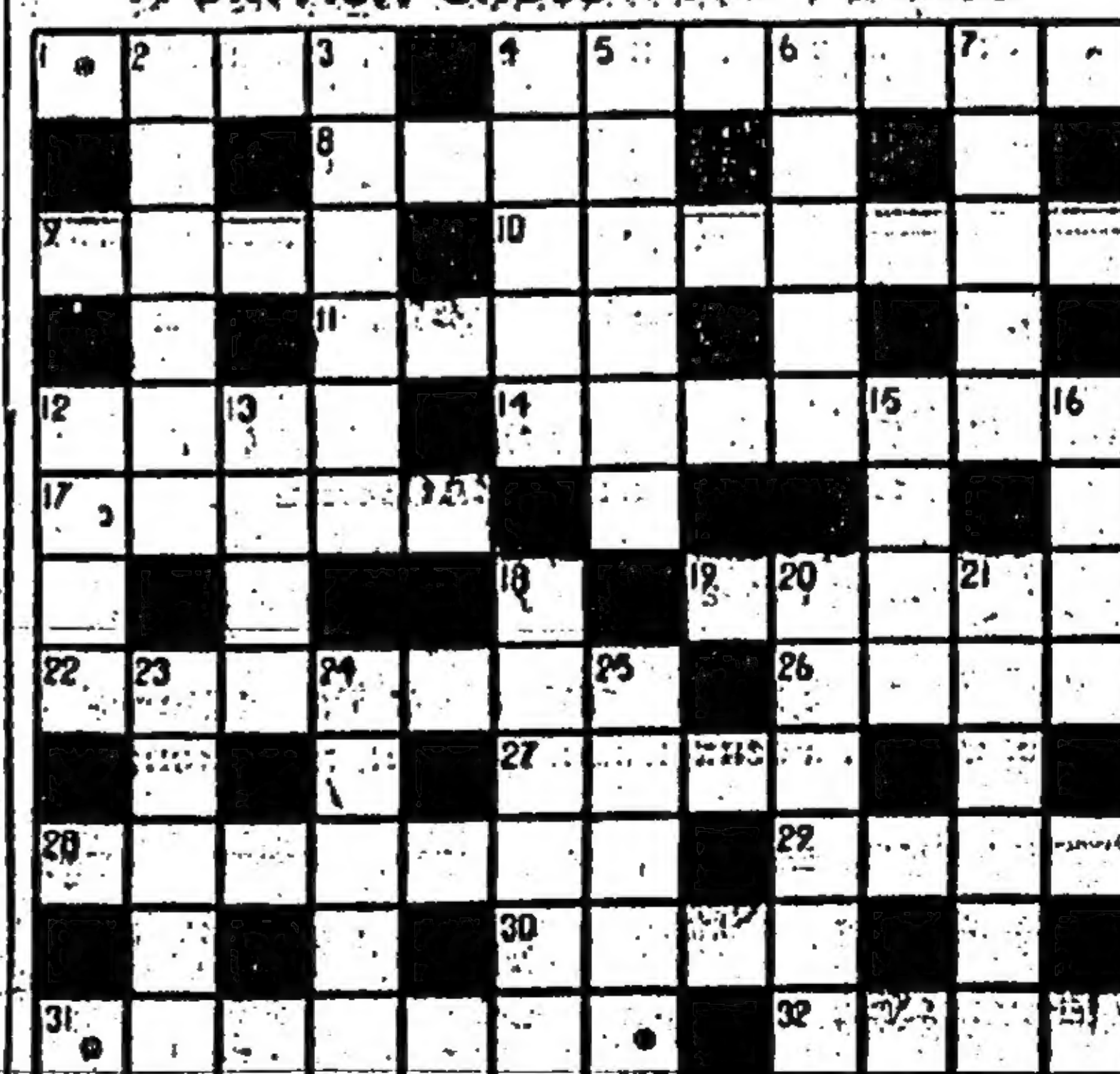
Collapse Of Franco "Assured"

The Hague, May 10.

Senor Slavador de Madariaga, exiled Spanish Republican leader, said today the collapse of Franco Spain "is assured" if the United Nations hold fast to their resolution of December, 1946, barring General Franco from the function of the United Nations.

Senor de Madariaga, who is Chairman of the Cultural Section of the Hague Congress, of Europe, told a press-conference that a democratic regime would not be possible in Spain without the cooperation of the Socialists. He thought that Portugal should be treated in the same way as Spain, even though its regime was more moderate.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- 1 Reverberation.
- 2 Warlike.
- 3 impoverished.
- 4 Blow with the open hand.
- 5 Argument.
- 6 Is indebted.
- 7 Platform.
- 8 Tree time.
- 9 Command.
- 10 Slops.
- 11 Fishing boat.
- 12 Cattle shed.
- 13 Passport on shorement.
- 14 Accelerated.
- 15 Rescue.
- 16 Counsel.
- 17 Group.
- 18 Uninteresting.
- 19 Crossword.

Yesterday's Crossword

- Across: 1 Appeal, 3 Vista, 8 Link, 9 Lament, 10 Hival, 11 Rejoice, 12 Army, 13 Elder, 18 Bure, 19 Barley, 20 Estate, 22

Clues Down

- 1 Resistant.
- 2 Pattern.
- 3 Gait up.
- 4 Specimens.
- 5 Single player.
- 6 Blockhead.
- 7 Notion.
- 8 Ill-mannered.
- 9 Omlet, 23 Gajop, 25 About, 26 Receptor, 27 Shade, 28 Abate, 29 Sinks.
- 10 ed.
- 11 Sides.
- 12 Versatile.
- 13 Humbled.
- 14 Journey.
- 15 back.
- 16 Merchandise.
- 17 Equestrian.

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"TREVAN"	Japan	22nd June

SAILINGS

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"CANTON"	Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden, Port Said & London (Tilbury)	noon 15th May
"TREVAN"	Shanghai & Japan	25th May
"ORBITA"	Singapore, Penang, Aden, Port Said, Genoa, Marseilles, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam (Amsterdam)	28th May
"ORBITA"	Shanghai & Japan	30th May
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"SANGOLA"	Japan & Amoy	21st May
SHIP	TO	SAILING
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			to Javaports	16th May
"TJISADANE"	from Macassar	25th May	to Javaports	26th May
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ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE

Ship	From	Arrivals	To	Departures
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	from S. America	14th May	to S. Africa	15th May
	to S. Africa		to S. America	15th May
"TEGELBERG"	from South America	14th May	to South Africa	15th May
	to South Africa		to South America	15th May

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"HEINRICH JESSEN"	from Belawan	14th May	to Swatow	15th May
	to Swatow		to Belawan	15th May
"TIGERBERG"	from Amoy	20th May	to Swatow	21st May
	to Swatow		to Amoy	21st May

Agents: HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE

Ship	From	Arrivals	To	Departures
"RINDERKERK"	from Japan	20th May	to Europe	21st May
	to Europe		to Japan	21st May

Agents: SILVER LINE LTD.

Ship	From	Arrivals	To	Departures
"MARIEKERK"	from Europe	14th May	to Europe	15th May
	to Europe		to Europe	15th May

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From	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast	22nd May	m.v. "BALI"
Los Angeles	12th June	m.v. "DONA AURORA"
	Mid. July	m.v. "DONA NATI"

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For	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast	17th June	m.v. "DONA AURORA"
Los Angeles	Mid. July	m.v. "BENGAL"
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N.Y. Stock Market

New York, May 11.
Stocks opened steadily in most of Monday's market but rallied sharply in the final hour on revived hopes of a railway strike.

Money Market

Gold slumped to a new low at \$35.50 a gram yesterday morning shortly after the market opened at \$31.50. Big buyers however stepped in and sent the price up again to \$31.75 at the time of writing.

One-Quarter

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Textile Industry Plan Endorsed

Washington, May 10.
The Army today endorsed a plan to put the Japanese textile industry back on its feet with U.S. cotton and wool.

Under-Secretary William C. Draper, who recently returned from a tour of Japan, told a House of Representatives Armed Services Sub-committee the plan would reduce occupation costs immediately and enable the Japanese to become economically self-sufficient.

He testified in support of a bill to establish a \$550,000,000 revolving fund, which would be used by the Army to purchase surplus raw materials in this country. The materials would include cotton, flax and wool.

The plan would affect all occupied areas, but Draper said the principal beneficiary would be Japan.

Materials would be processed in the occupied areas, and the manufactured products would be sold to repay the revolving fund.

"Helping Orient"

The bill was approved unanimously by the Senate three weeks ago, Senator James Eastland, Mississippi Democrat, one of its sponsors, told the House group the bill was written by an informal committee of cotton state Senators.

Cotton states of the Southeast would not be benefited directly by the plan, Eastland said. He said cotton for export to the occupied areas would come mainly from West Texas, Arizona and California.

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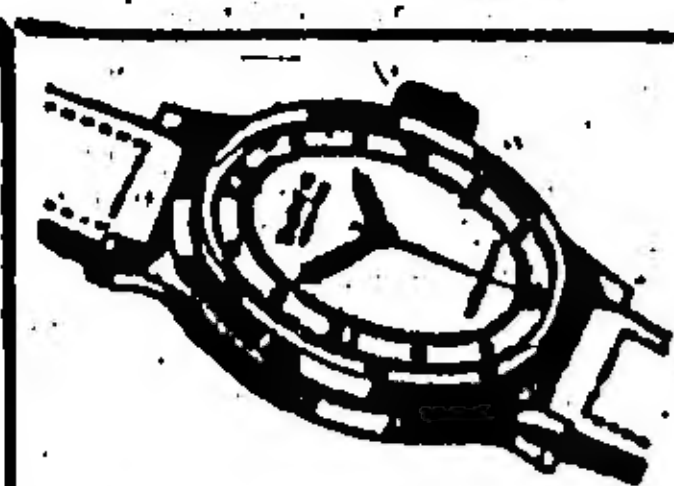
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Yuan Protests Nomination

Nanking, Mar. 11.
China's newly elected Legislative Yuan protested strongly today against the Kuomintang's nomination of the presidential and vice-presidential candidates for the Yuan election.

The preparatory session adjourned amidst cries of protest against "party dictation and control" of the Yuan's election of officers.

The Kuomintang nominated Dr. Sun Fo and Chen Li-fu as the party's presidential and vice-presidential candidates. Nominations were designed to forestall a repetition of the "free" election of the vice president of the Republic which almost resulted in a split in the Kuomintang.

After a four-hour heated but inconsequential debate the Yuan decided to form a second 50-men committee to draft procedure for the election of the president and vice president.

The majority of speakers today opposed party nomination of candidates. They wanted the election a "free fight for all."

Yang Kung-ta, one of the most active members, warned that the recent Kuomintang attempt to control the election of the Vice President of China should be a lesson to the Legislative Yuan in the introduction of democracy in China.

However, observers maintained it is too early to conclude that party members' opposition to party nomination will be a menace to Dr. Sun and Chen's election chances.

Today's session was attended by 378 members.—United Press.

GERMANY ALLIED COUNCIL MEETING

Berlin, May 10.
The four Allied Chiefs of Staff in Berlin have fixed the next meeting of the Allied Command-in-Chief for next Friday, the German news service, DENA, reported today.

This meeting should have been held tomorrow, but the Soviet Commandant, General Kotikov, said he was ill.

DENA quoted an American spokesman as saying that similar things had happened before, so this arrangement did not represent anything out of the normal.—Reuter.

Budapest, May 11.
A. Thomas of England won the 350 c.c. International motor cycling contest at Budapest, riding a Velocette.—Associated Press.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NOTICE TO MEMBERS WHITSUN RACE MEETING

Saturday, 15th and Monday, 17th May, 1948.

On the First Day, Saturday 15th May, the First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.; on the Second Day, Monday 17th May, the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12 noon. The interval will be after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.
Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 each day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all chits etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller's Office will close at 9.30 a.m. each day. The Secretary's Office will close at 11.45 a.m. the first day and at 10 a.m. on the second day. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to ensure their names are not on the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties but must remain in their employer's charge.

BY ORDER.

A. A. Shep
Actg. Secretary.

Kennington Oval, May 10.

Surrey fared badly against the Australian cricket tourists on the second day of their match and at the close of play were 466 runs behind with only eight of their second innings' wickets still standing.

The Australians continued their first innings this morning and Lindsay Hassett became the third century maker, with a brilliant 110, while late in the innings Don Tallon, the wicket-keeper, put together 50 not out.

Laurie Fishlock alone defied the Australians in Surrey's first innings and scored 81 not out, while Ian Johnston, with his off spinners, had the batsmen in trouble and took five for 53.

Surrey were forced to follow on 491 runs behind, but this time Fishlock was out for five.

A crowd of 15,000 saw the county fighting in its first innings for runs during the afternoon and at the tea interval was only 100 runs behind, but this time Fishlock was out for five.

A quarter of an hour before the close of play, Barling, in attempting to hook a long hop from Bill Johnston, was struck on the right side of the head and was forced to retire, leaving Squires and Barton to play out time.

Surrey finished a dismal day needing 466 runs to save the innings' defeat with eight wickets left.

Yesterday's Play
Kennington Oval, May 11.
Half an hour's play was possible before lunch today in the third day of the cricket match between Surrey and the Australian tourists, during which time Surrey added 23 runs without loss.

Except when Barton, then two, offered a sharp catch off Bill Johnston to McInyre's second slip, the batsmen did not seem to be troubled.

The slow pitch scarcely suited Johnston and the fast bowler, Ray Lindwall.

Don Tallon, the wicket-keeper, trying to reach an erratic delivery on the leg side from Lindwall, injured his right hand but carried on after attention.

Leg-spinner, Ian Johnston, was introduced just before lunch but both Barton and Squires pulled him freely.

The scoreboard reads:—
Australians: 1st innings: 632.
Surrey:—

FIRST INNINGS
Fishlock, not out 81
Fletcher, b Lindwall 3
Squires, b Lindwall 1
Barling, c Pling, b Ian Johnston 10
Barton, b Bannister, b I. Johnston 4
McInyre, c & b Ring 4
Holmes, b Ian Johnston 0
Laker, b Ring 0
Bedser, c Morris, b Ring 2
Surreidge, c Harvey, b Johnston 15
McMahon, b Johnston 10
Extras 10
Total 141

SECOND INNINGS
Fishlock, c Tallon, b Johnston 5
Fletcher, b Johnston 0
Squires, not out 0
Barling, retired hurt 10
Barton, not out 13
Extras 9
Total (for two) 40
—Reuter.

Cuba's Woman Diplomat

Shanghai, May 11.
Dr. Margarita Quintana, newly appointed Cuban C. E. A. R. G. D. Affairs and first woman diplomatic official holding such rank in China, arrived in Shanghai this morning aboard the General Meigs.

Quintana being a specialist in dentistry, Dr. Quintana is also a journalist. In addition to her duties as a diplomat, she will serve also as correspondent for four Cuban journals, including El Mundo, one of the largest dailies in Cuba.

Child welfare and women affairs will be the main themes of her writings.

Dr. Quintana expects to go to Nanking shortly to present her credentials to President Chiang Kai-shek.—Reuter.

LEWIS GIVES NOTICE

Washington, May 10.
Mr. John L. Lewis, President of the United Mineworkers, today gave 60 days' notice of intention to end 80,000 anthracite miners' contracts with their employers.

Mr. Lewis told the employers he wanted a new contract by July 10.—He asked for wage conference to begin on May 20, unless a later date is mutually agreed upon.

By giving 60 days' notice, Mr. Lewis was apparently conforming to a Taft-Hartley Labour Act requirement that a party wanting to end an agreement should allow that lapse of time.—Reuter.

Kowloon Bowls

Following is the team selected to represent Kowloon Bowling Club in the first game of the Ezra Abraham Liberation Shield series against Kowloon Cricket Club on Sunday, May 16, beginning at 4 p.m.

First Rink:—E. F. Pope, H. F. Shields, G. E. F. Thompson, J. McKelvie (skip).

Second Rink:—E. Greenwood, J. S. Dinneen, A. L. G. Eastman, W. C. Simpson (skip).

Third Rink:—M. L. Hardie, T. J. Henley, J. Hempsey, L. Sykes (skip).

Fourth Rink:—E. G. Shaw, L. R. Whant, S. H. Strange, J. Fraser (skip).

Fifth Rink:—R. P. Phillips, J. Gellatly, E. A. Atkins, R. Morrison (skip).

Sixth Rink:—R. J. Wigginton, V. C. Dixon, L. G. Coombes, L. Guy (skip).

Reserves:—K. C. Hamilton, W. H. Bailey, H. A. Lammert, W. F. Simpson.

In an abandoned exhibition lawn bowls game in honour of Mr. T. G. Main, the Shanghai Club yesterday, Messrs. A. E. Conates, W. Hong Sling, J. S. Landolt and B. W. Bradbury beat Messrs. N. J. Medina, K. M. Omar, A. M. Omar and T. G. Main by 18 shots to 2.

RODRIGUES TO VISIT BRITAIN

Lisbon, May 10.
It was announced tonight that General Barros Rodrigues, Chief of the General Staff, will visit Britain from June 1 to 8 on the invitation of the Army Council and as a guest of the British Government. He will inspect Army and RAF establishments.—United Press.

US Baseball

Indians Strengthen Their Lead

New York, May 10.
The Indians strengthened their first place berth in the tight American League pennant scramble by rolling to their third straight victory over Boston, winning by 12-7.

Second inning homers by right fielder Larry Doby and second baseman Joe Gordon sparked the victory. Gordon's circuit blow came with one on.

In the eighth, Boston pinch-hitter Bill Goodman lined into a triple play, started by manager Lou Boudreau.

Home runs by third baseman Bill Johnson, centre fielder Joe Dimaggio and second baseman George Stirmweiss helped Red Embree win his first start for New York by beating Chicago 9-3. Pitcher Taft Wright hit a two-run homer and centre fielder Dave Philley hit a one-run homer against Embree.

COUNTY CHAMPIONS IN DANGER OF DEFEAT

London, May 10.
Middlesex, last year's County champions, and Gloucestershire, who were runners up, both failed to gain first innings points in their first county matches and are in danger of defeat.

Hampshire, who finished on from the bottom of the table last season, gave Middlesex a shock at Lords by securing a first innings' lead of 15 runs and had it not been for a fourth wicket stand of 110 between Jack Robertson and his captain, F. G. Mann, the champions might well have finished the day in a less favourable position.

Edrich and Denis Compton both failed for the second time in the match. Edrich was out for three, while Compton could only score 17.

First wearing down the Gloucestershire attack by very careful defensive play and enabling the latter batsmen to score freely off the tired bowling, Worcestershire gained a first-innings' lead of 270.

Other Games
Close of play scores:—
At Lords: Middlesex 207 and 107 for five (Robertson 74, Mann 60 not out); Hampshire 222.

At Oxford: Oxford University 381 for 9 declared and 144 for 8.

Plot On Princess

Paris, May 10.
French police are tonight making an intensive hunt for a man—according to unconfirmed reports a member of the Stern Gang—believed to be plotting an attempt on the life of Princess Elizabeth during her visit to Paris this week-end.

Some 60 to 80 people have been rounded up and questioned during the last three days in an effort to try to track the man, a high police official told Reuter.—Reuter.

My Babu Warm Favourite

London, May 11.
My Babu, about whom there were adverse rumours over the week-end, was still a warm favourite at 9 to 4 for the Derby when the card was called over at the Victoria Club tonight.

The Cobler remained second favourite at 17 to 2. The price of My Love and Valognes were both cut, their quotations being 100 to 6 and 18 to 1, respectively.

My Love is regarded as the chief French challenge after his success at Longchamps yesterday, and Valognes was successful at Chester last week, where Jock Scott was unexpectedly beaten.

Tonight's prices were: 9 to 4 My Babu; 17 to 2 The Cobler; 100 to 6 Black Tarquin; 100 to 6 My Love; 18 to 1 Valognes and Roaring Forties; 20 to 1 Pride of India; 25 to 1 Jock Scott, all offered.

The Derby favourite, who had an anti-tetanus injection yesterday as a precautionary measure, because the colt slightly over-reached himself when winning the Two Thousand Guineas, was out exercising this morning.

His trainer, Fred Armstrong, declared that he was pleased with the colt when he was out this morning and he will be out again in the evening.—Reuter.

China National Games

H.K. HAS TWO WINS DESPITE INTERRUPTIONS

Shanghai, May 11.
The National Athletic Meet, marred from the start by bad sportsmanship, was interrupted twice today by fist fights among contestants and between players and spectators.

One game—volleyball between Shanghai and Hunan "ladies"—had to be called off midway when the going got too rough for the referee. Spectators with long sticks had begun to beat him everytime he got within beating distance.

The men's volleyball between Canton and Hong Kong was also marred by a string of protests from players—backed by threats from uniformed supporters in the crowd to invade the court.

The first four sets were split evenly between the two sides, with the losers of each set stopping the game to boo and protest the referee's decisions.

An armistice was finally declared and the game ended in Hong Kong's favour.

The Chinese-owned English-language China Press this morning editorialized: "Threats, walkouts, charges of discrimination and favouritism almost became the rule rather than exception. Players have shown they do not understand the first element of sportive competition."

Meanwhile, N.A.M. authorities decided to disqualify Dairen's soccer team from the next athletic meet for beating the referee after their defeat on Sunday.

Six policemen, the N.A.M. authorities ruled, will be assigned to protect each referee during the remainder of the tournament.

Ferak's Yau Yee-hung, most promising player from Malaya, dropped out in the table tennis championship round after a hard-fought session with Shanghai's S. Shih.

Down 9-11, 6-11, Yau came back to win the third 11-8, but slipped in the fourth 9-11.

H.K. Loses
Another overseas team lost Hong Kong's Chung Chan-chen going down in four sets to Taiwan's Wong Yu-hsin.

In the ladies' table tennis, the colony's Liang Yu-chih won a see-saw game against Shanghai's Sun Mei-yin 11-12, 11-4, 7-11, 11-9, 11-7. In the only other championship game, Canton won over Taiwan 3-1.

Malaya's crack Ng Liang-chiang won the finals of the 400-metre low hurdles to set a new national record of 57.9 seconds—the only overseas man to win in this afternoon's final round of track and field events.

The old record was 58.3. Ng showed good form. He got off to a flying start and led the field all the way.

Defamation Judgment Reserved

London, May 10.
The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council today reserved its judgment in the appeal brought last Monday by Dr. M. G. Perera, of Colombo, a Ceylonese practitioner and distiller of arrack, against the decision of a district judge dismissing his action for defamation against a Ceylon newspaper.

Dr. Perera had complained of the publication in May, 1943, of a passage from the official report of the Bribery Commission, before which he had given evidence in camera.

One of his contentions was that no privilege attached to a publication merely because it was a re-publication of a paper issued by the Government.—Reuter.

JAP FISHING SUBSIDY
Tokyo, May 11.
The United States will allot US\$7,500,000 to Japan's fishing industry, a SCAP official declared at a press conference here this morning.

The money will be used to alleviate the serious shortage of fishing materials which has been handicapping the Japanese fishery production, he explained.

The allotment, which is expected to increase regular supplies of cotton gear by 30 per cent, will prevent decreases of between 500 million and 1,000 million pounds in Japanese fishing production.—Reuter.

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Sir Denis To Decorate U.S. Admiral

Nanking, Mar. 11.
Admiral Sir Denis Boyd, Commander-in-Chief of British Pacific Fleet, and Lady Boyd, who arrived here yesterday aboard the British naval ship H.M.S. "London" and H.M.S. "Alert", are busy with their social functions.

Among the Admiral's callers this morning were Vice-Admiral Kwel Yung-ching, Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Navy, and Rear-Admiral Harry R. Thurber, Chief of the American Naval Advisory Group Survey Board.

Admiral Boyd was entertained at luncheon today by General Pui Chung-hai, Minister of National Defence. Tomorrow morning, Admiral Boyd will decorate Vice-Admiral Budge, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Western Pacific Fleet, with the decoration, Commander of the British Empire, on behalf of the British Government at a ceremony on board H.M.S. "London".

Admiral and Lady Boyd will be guests of honour at President Chiang Kai-shek at a tea party tomorrow afternoon at 5 p.m. A dinner in honour of the couple and officers of the two British warships will be given tomorrow night at the International Club.

Other functions for the visiting group include a dance for junior officers on Wednesday evening; dinner for the couple to be given by Admiral Thurber on Friday; party to be given by Sir Ralph Stevenson, British Ambassador, for the ships' ratings Friday afternoon; and an official dinner on board H.M.S. "London" to be given by Sir Denis.

The ships will sail for Shanghai on Friday night—arriving at that port on May 17 for a 10-day visit.—Central News

Gift For Hirohito
Tokyo, May 11.
Emperor Hirohito has received a gift parcel from a Swiss pharmacist in Zurich containing 28 varieties of medical herbs, accompanied by a letter from the sender explaining that he hoped the herbs would serve as a tonic to preserve his health—and extend his length of life.

The sender, Mr. Ernst, said he thought Hirohito was suffering from ailments in the chest and abdomen, and recommended the herbs as having "gently beneficial effects" on his afflictions.

Included in the parcel was a small bottle of "mole oil", with which the Emperor was advised to massage his chest daily.

Court officials, meanwhile, denied Hirohito was suffering from any ailments.—Reuter.

Amsterdam, May 11.
Ireland beat France on Monday 2-0 in the world championships women's hockey matches.—Associated Press.

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